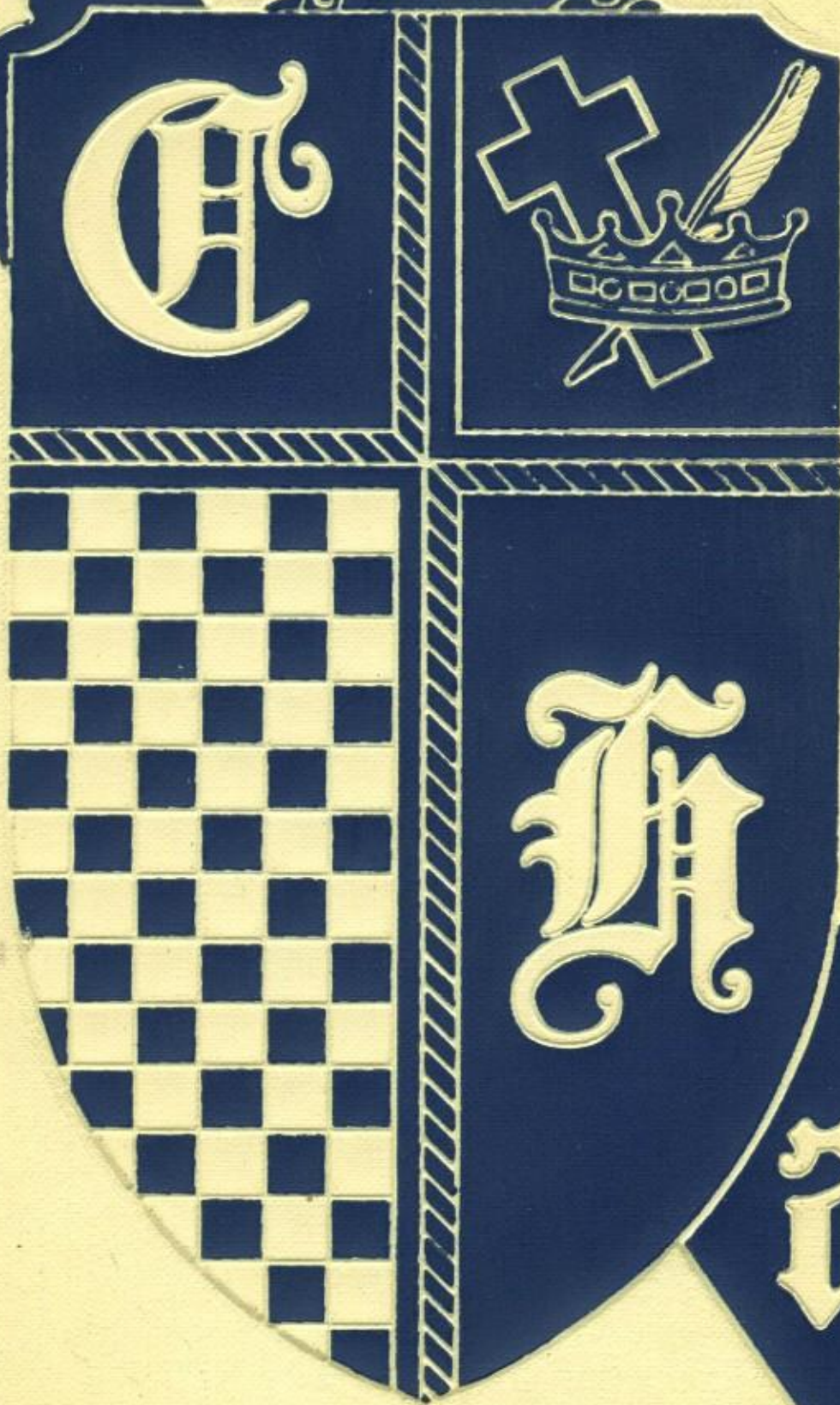
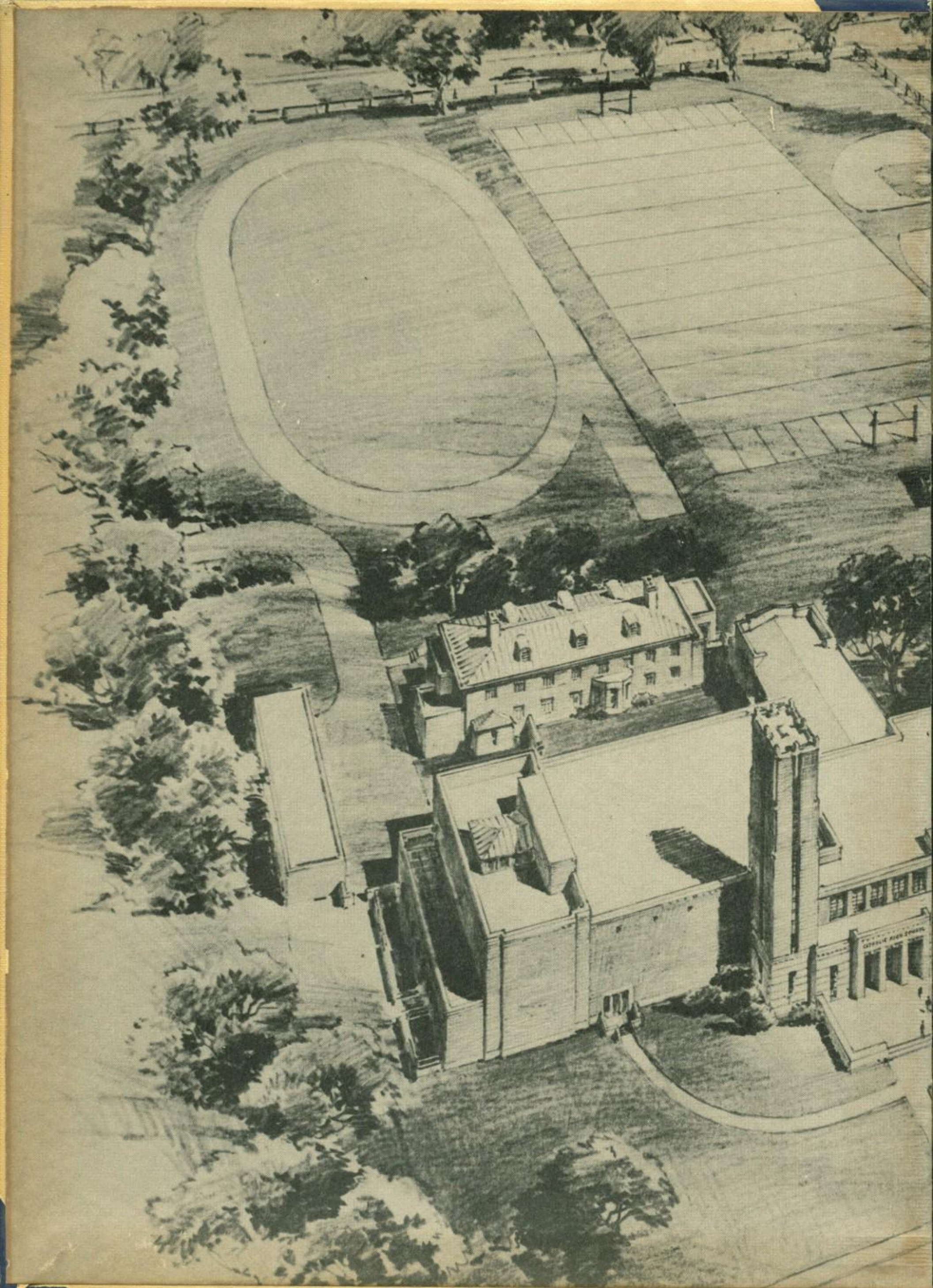


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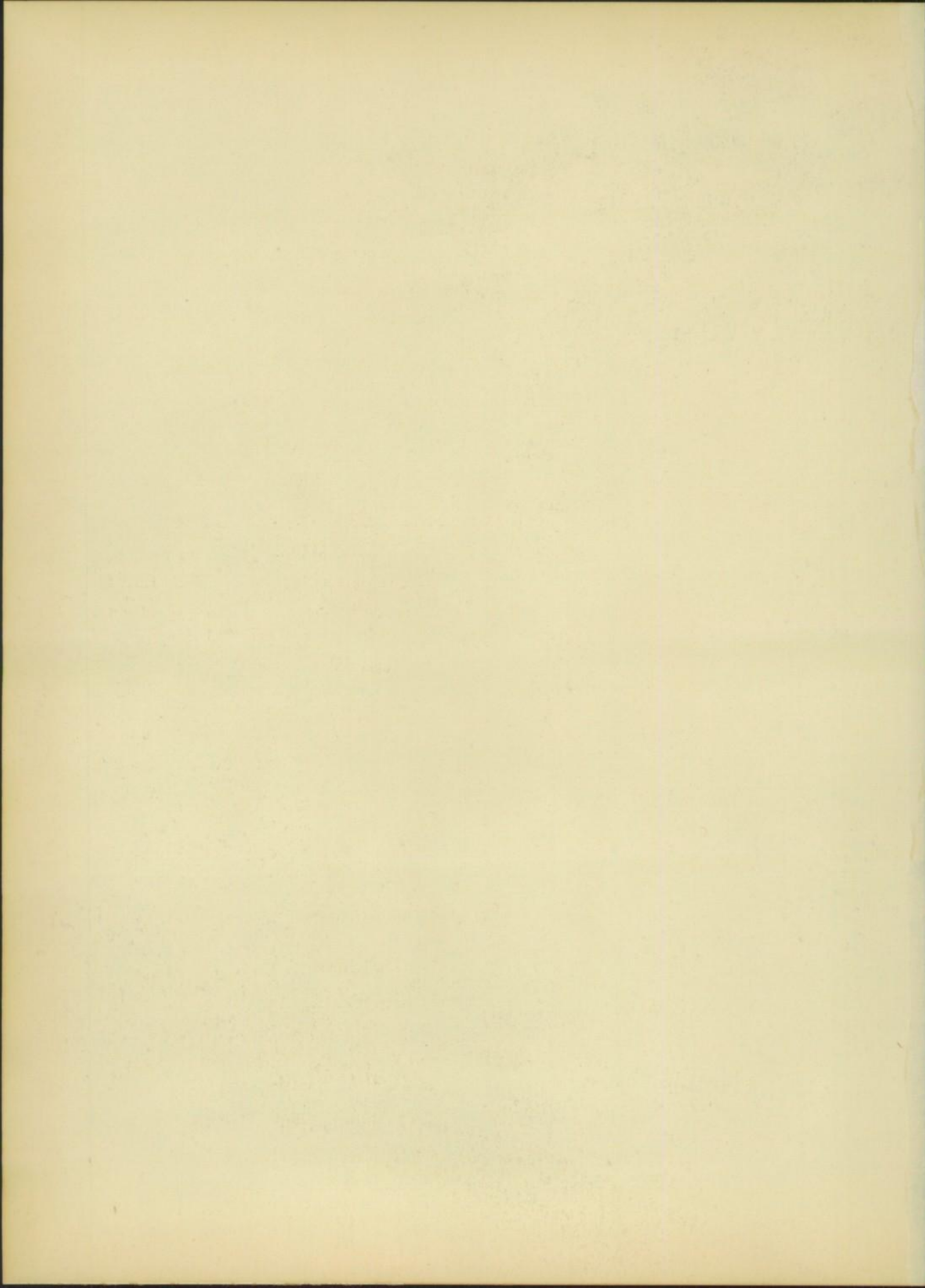


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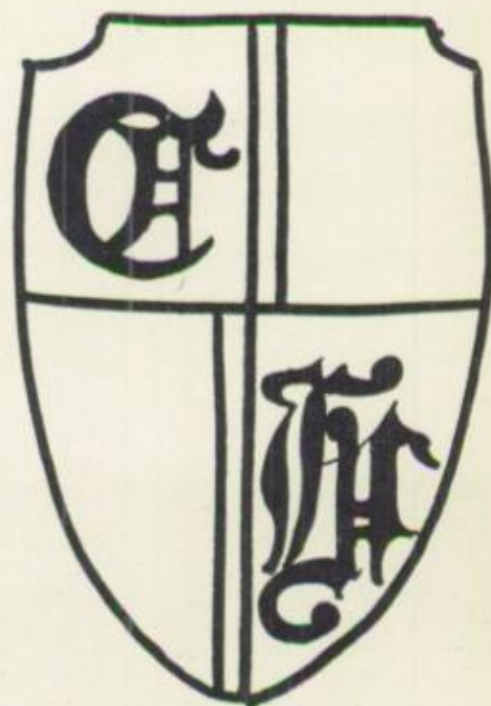
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Pictured at right is a group of the active members of the CHAPS formulating plans for the Annual Catholic High Winter Carnival. The carnival, due to the unstinted efforts of the group, proved to be highly successful.

Dedicated To The C. H. A. P.S.

(CATHOLIC HIGH ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS)

Who by their undying efforts have given whole-hearted support to Catholic High all of its undertakings.

The C.H.A.P.S. are not a soft-spoken group who talk a lot and show little action, but rather an organization that backs up every promise with careful planning, hard work and a successful outcome. A school can be truly proud knowing they have such a fine team like the C.H.A.P.S. working with them all the way.

They furnished the Band with many new instruments and partly paid for their concert trip to Nashville. For the football team they gave one of the finest banquets seen at Catholic High in many a year, and awarded to each member of the team a football sweater. To the CRUSADER they gave their full cooperation in the sale of advertisements. These and many more tasks have been given a helping hand by the C.H.A.P.S. So, taking this opportunity and speaking for the Faculty, each and every member of the student body and the Staff of the CRUSADER, we say with true sincerity, "Thank you, and may God bless you."

THE CRUSADER "49"

One of the evidences of the material and moral aid being offered by the CHAPS to Catholic High may be seen in the picture of the football banquet held this year at the Catholic Club. The banquet was sponsored by the organization for the benefit of the players, coaches and the friends of Catholic High. One of the principal speakers was Mr. Clem Quinn, President of the CHAPS.



The football lettermen were awarded sweaters and letters by Coach Latham Graham for their work on the gridiron during the season. Pictured at left are the letter winners and (you guessed) the donors of the sweaters, the CHAPS. With such enthusiasm it is evident that the "spirit of ol' Catholic High" is deep seated.

Success seems to be the by-word of the CHAPS for each activity sponsored by this organization proves to be a real crowd gatherer. The picture at right shows a portion of the crowd that formed outside the school cafeteria at one of the benefit suppers sponsored by the CHAPS.





TO THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1949:

Heartiest congratulations and prayerful good wishes for the days and years that lie before you!

Thus far you have done well and merit the honors of graduation your Alma Mater is conferring upon you.

The world into which you are now stepping is a fearfully restless and confused world; so many men seem to have lost their vision; they no longer comprehend the true meaning and purpose of life. You, we believe, have that proper vision because of your Catholic education and so you are blessed above those of your fellow-graduates who have not been so privileged. You have learned to recognize and to accept Him Who is "the Truth and the Way and the Life,"—"the Light" that alone can penetrate the dark clouds of confusion hanging over the world today. Cling to this, your Divine Faith; it is your most precious possession.

It is for you both a challenge and a responsibility. The world will again and again challenge you for its possession; it will tempt you to compromise,—to exchange it for baubles, for forbidden fruit, fair without, but carrying within the sting of death.

Your responsibility is to share with other needy souls your precious faith. Be then "the light of the world" by your truly Catholic lives; be "the salt of the earth," which purifies and permits not corruption.

If you make Jesus your "Light" and Mary your "Alma Mater" you will not fail. God grant it, and bless you:

WILLIAM L. ADRIAN
Bishop of Nashville

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Nashville and one who, therefore, has a hand in the policy of Catholic High School for Boys, is the Rev. Francis P. Pack, Professor of Philosophy at Siena College and Pastor of Our Sorrowful Mother Parish, Frayser, Tenn.



At the helm at Catholic High is Father John A. Elliott, Principal, who has been directing the school since its beginning as a boys' school four years ago. Aiming at the proper blend of extra-curricular activities and scholarship, Father Elliott has been the guiding hand in setting up Catholic High as one of the outstanding boys school in the South. Father Elliott's dream will come true with the completion of the new school this Fall.



Father Joseph P. Greshem is the Vice-Principal at Catholic High, second in command to Father Elliott. Father Greshem's chief interests lie in the field of science and drama.

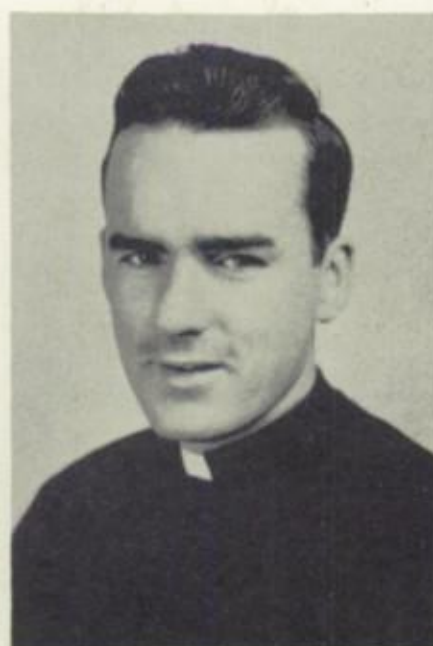
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Education*



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*Director of Instrumental
and Vocal Music*



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Secretary



MRS. M. A. GATTUSO
Dietitian

I suppose I know the graduating class better than anyone. You see, I've been close to them for four long years. We've worked together and played together and we've had an awful lot of talks together . . . and the talks were best of all. You see, these conversations have bred friendships and the friendships have produced confidence. I think the boys have felt they could trust me for I've heard their troubles and they've asked my advice and I've felt real good in thinking that maybe I helped them. Yes, I guess my greatest thrill has been in sharing their friendship and receiving their confidence.

Oh, of course, there have been some real rough spots during the past four years. There's been a lot of studying and work . . . and even some severe reprimands; but, this is necessary and all leads to a definite end, and many times I've sacrificed a few days of the aforementioned friendship realizing that the light would eventually dawn and all would be well again.

Yes, I suppose I know the graduating class better than anyone. I'll never forget the faces when a *ninety* was passed out on the report, nor the pained expression accompanying the *sixties*. The respect in class, the devotion in Church and the savagery on athletic fields seemed incongruous and yet was inspiring. In all their activities I've been with them and I've seen, not the teen-age boy, but the future man, the leader in years to come.

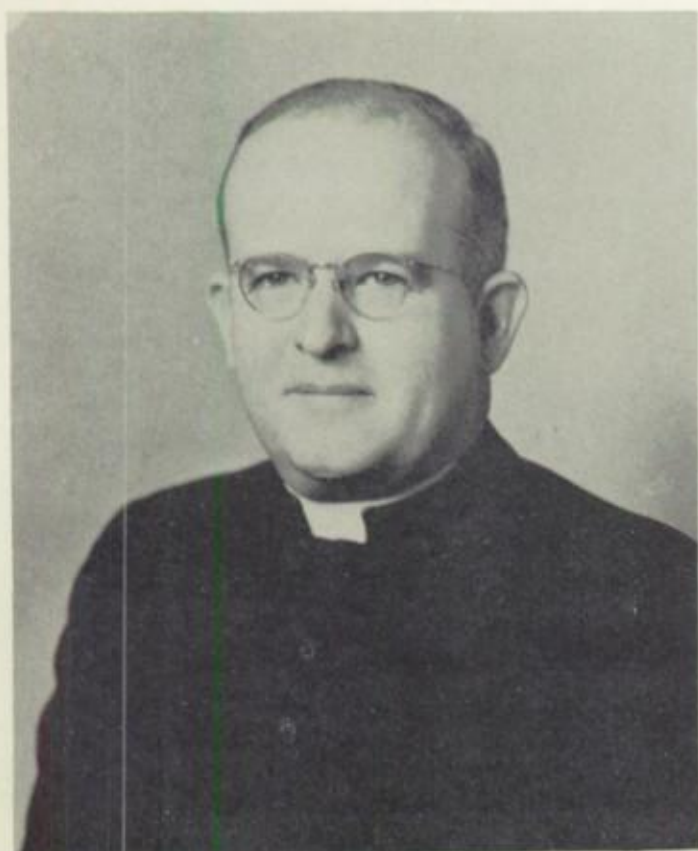
I suppose I know the graduating class better than anyone, and I can say I'm proud of the young men I know. I feel it an honor and a privilege that I was a part of them and I know that in the years to come they will make me even prouder of that honor.

You see, I am the Faculty of Catholic High.

Senior Class Officers



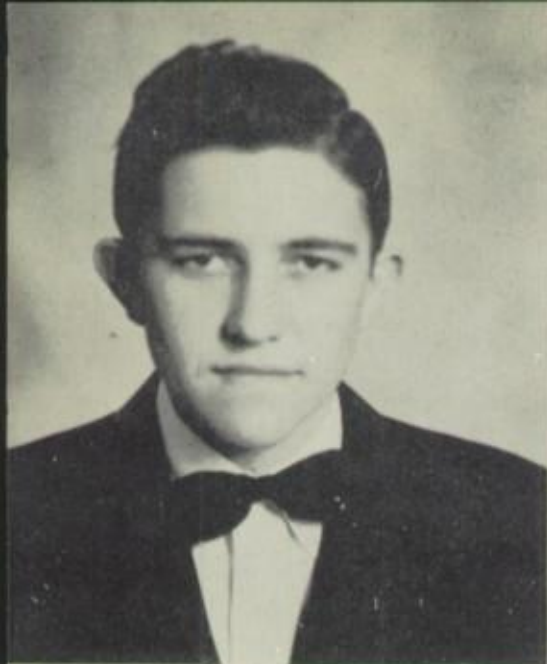
Pictured, left to right: Thomas Garibaldi, Treasurer; James Murphy, Secretary; Robert Maynard, President; and Albert Devoto, Vice-President.



Faculty Advisor
FATHER JOHN A. ELLIOTT



Senior Class



CLAYTON "Hot Lips" CARGILE has been dubbed the "Fastest Triple tonguer in C. H.S." He's probably the only one in the band who can (NO SLAM, MR. CORNEILLE). Seriously, though, he has contributed favorably to the furthering of music appreciation at C. H. S. Being president of the band in his junior and senior year, he was chosen in '47 to go to Detroit for the National Musician's Convention. This type of initiative will help him in later life.



LOUIS ERTZ is quite well-known about school because of his quiet manner and general cooperation. As the art editor of the *Magnet* and the *CRUSADER*, he has shown his leadership. Along with other good qualities, he has won a place on the National Honor Society. His rather odd hobby of working with electric trains has everyone fooled as to what his ambition is, but we all know that whatever it is, it will be good.



JOE HAMLING is the quietest, most well-mannered boy in school, if not in the city. The band, where he plays clarinet, couldn't get along without him. To his contributions to the band, he has added hard work in the glee club and has maintained a high enough standard for the National Honor Society rating. After graduation, he plans to go to college.



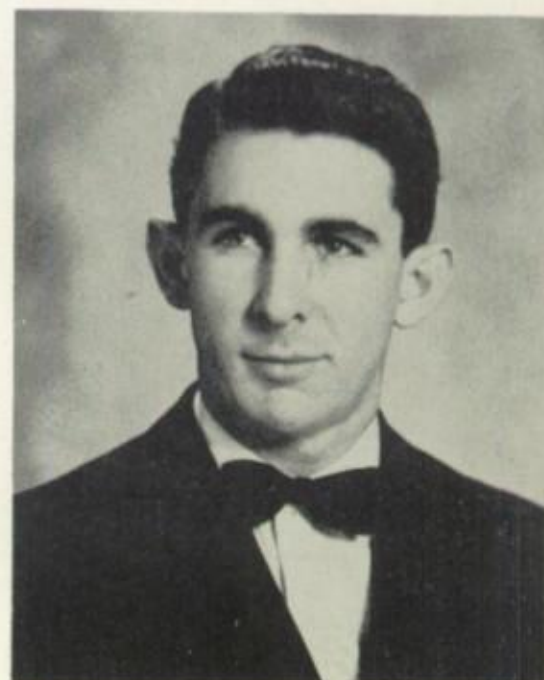
ALBERT DEVOTO better known as "Duffy" is following his older brother's footsteps, Joe Signiogo, a star rookie for the Yankee's Pro Football Club. Being captain of the football team in his senior year, he is well liked because of his winning personality. While holding down the center position on the varsity team in '47 he also went out for boxing and did well in that field. Surely, this foretells an interesting and profitable life.



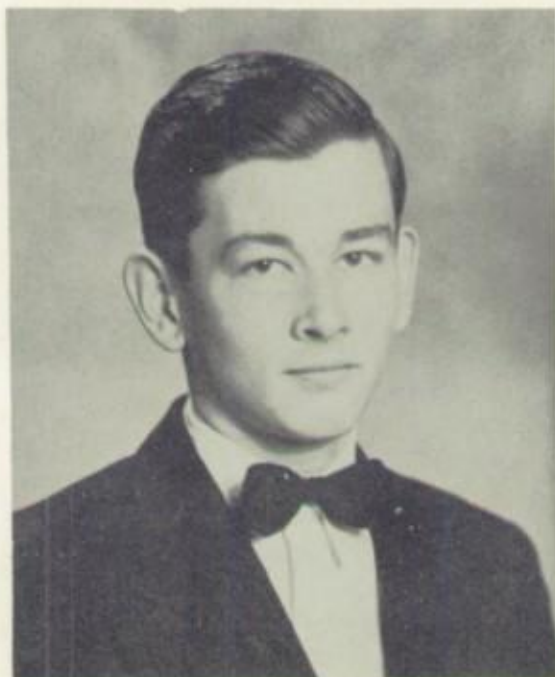
BILL "Rooster" COOPER has played baseball, football, basketball, tennis and has gone out for boxing and swimming. Although he has been out for practically every extra-curricular activity, perhaps he has done best at baseball for he was the top left-handed pitcher in the school. Besides all this he's had some awfully stiff subjects here and that includes Physics. This is definitely a preamble to a great future.



THOMAS GARIBALDI is the "brains" behind the snappy Terrier football club. Yes, Tommy has been quarterback for three years, and, along with his accurate passing, can handle practically every punting assignment. Mr. Garibaldi is a member of the National Honor Society and his favorite sport, other than the gridiron is golf. His "get up and go" has made a spot for him in the hearts of the students and the faculty.



JAMES HUTTON is another quiet, well-liked fellow. His interests have been mainly in football, but he was also a whiz with his spikes on the track team. Although he didn't lead the class in his studies, he was high above the average, as he was in everything else. In '47, he was a member of the band and did well in that also. So, if working hard is the way to success, we can look for a hit in Hutton.



Perhaps the most popular student at C. H. S. is *Pistol Pete* MAYNARD. His real handle is Robert, but if called that he wouldn't know whom you were talking to. He has been out for football, baseball, basketball, track, tennis, boxing, C.S.M.C., glee club and probably more things than yo' scribe can count. Naturally, he is a leader in studies and has been president of his class for the last two years. Definitely, boys like Pete are an asset to any community.



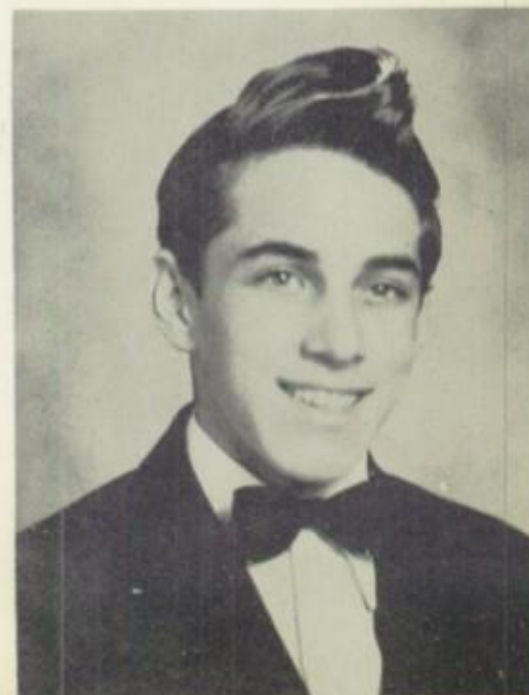
A person small in stature but great in musical and sport achievements is PRIMO MOTTO. Being in both glee club and band, he has helped with the musical instruction of the student body. Under the able tutoring of Mr. Corneille, the band director, he has become a perfectionist in the percussion section and has participated in boxing and wrestling, and, needless to say, has excelled in both. Thanks for your subordination, Primo, and, as a warning to the world, we all say, "Look out for Mr. Motto."



LARRY KRUG. The fellow with the "Toni Home Permanent" hair has distinguished himself about school by his terrific playing at guard post on the football squad. His friendly attitude, with the girls as well as the boys, has made him a very popular guy. Without a doubt Larry will be a great success in his future activities.



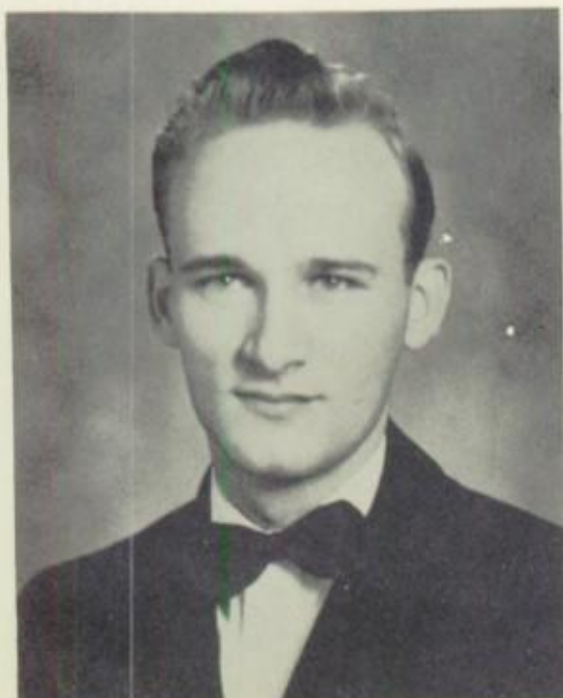
ROBERT MORRISON, known around town and country as "Broad Beam Bob," is a new-comer at C. H. S. this year. Already he has shown his prowess with the pigskin in the '48 football season. Besides this, he has informed many of us about life on the farm, for this is where he hailed from in September '48. Considering his superb cooperation with the students and faculty as well as his likeable personality and friendly disposition he is perhaps the average student.

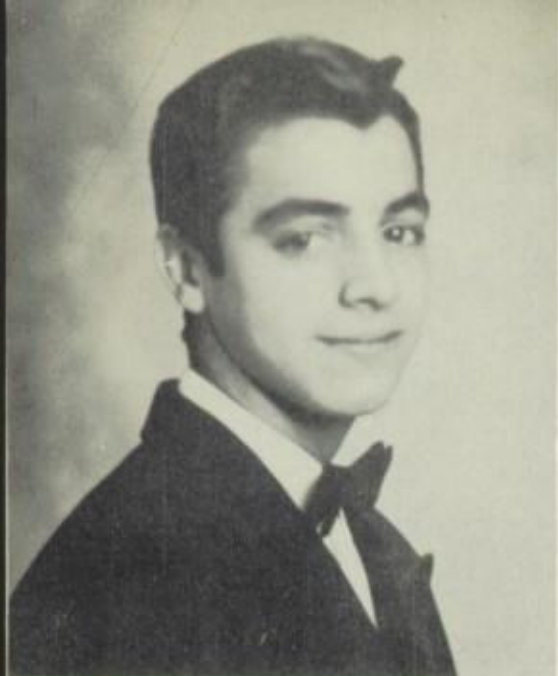


MINOR HOLLAND has been voted "Mr. Leather Lungs of the C. H. S. Band." Mr. Corneille suggests that he hire himself out as a bellows. All kidding aside, Minor has made great strides in musical progress and has played substitute tackle-guard on the football team. With his easy-going, simple-to-get-along-with character, he will also make great strides in any profession he chooses.



ARTHUR "Bull Shooter" MARTIN is a well-known, well-liked personality at school. If you wonder at the title given him, Bill Elliott dubbed him that after hearing him tell of one of his dates. Along with musical accomplishments in both glee club and band, he designed the cover for the CRUSADER. These qualities show leadership in any field.

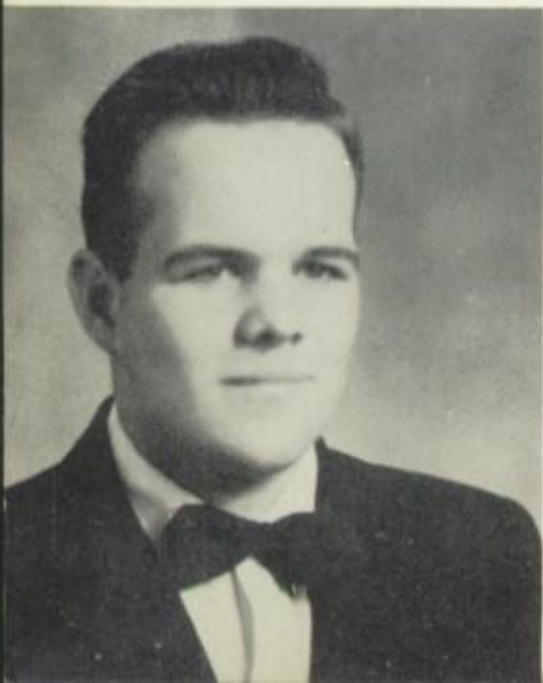




JOHN "Stuff" MESSINA is a wee bit small to go out for inter-school-astic activities, but if anything is going on around school, Stuff will be in the middle of it. Lately, he has mystified us all as to how he lost his two front teeth. Some say his girl, others say his dad, Stuff doesn't say. It is my personal belief that he knocked them out on the front door of his grocery, for that is where he spends most of his time. "In the future," he says, "I wish to have a tremendous store, where all my best friends will shop."



JAMES RAYMOND MURPHY, or "Muff" as he is commonly called, is a leader at everything that he has tried at C. H. S. He was an officer in every one of his classes, an officer in the band while in its numbers, a letter maker in boxing, golf and band, and a member of the National Honor Society, for nearly all of the eight semesters he spent at school. A well liked character on the campus, Muff will undoubtedly go to college, and "make good" in some profession.

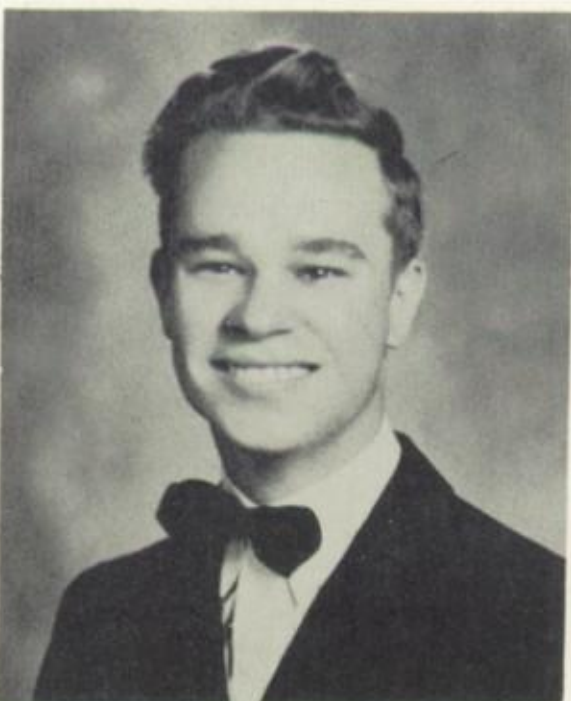


The all-round swell guy of the class of '49 is FRANK NOBLE. His innate quietness has won this for him. He has played football on the varsity since his freshman year and was quite mad when he was declared ineligible this last year. He made up for this, however, since he became manager of the team and without his help, the team would go to pieces. There is something about him that urges the team on, that also helped him the all-round. No doubt we'll all miss you, Frank.

JOHN MOORE, better known as long, lean and lanky, is tops in friendliness. Though he is not famous for his scholastic reports, he has done well with the Catholic Hi eleven for the last three years at end. A swell "guy" as well as a good student, he has prophesied by his fine conduct record that the world to come can expect great things from him.



PAT McKELVY has everybody fooled as to what his real name is. Since you readers will learn at graduation anyway, I will break the spell. Actually his name is Fred Matthew. Where they got Pat, even he doesn't know. Really, though, Pat's hard working technique has brought him fame in his studies for in '47, he was awarded the Religion medal for the school, a singular honor. Although he has no particular interests at present, it is rumored that he plans to attend college.



ROBERT MURDOCK. Following in the footsteps of his illustrious brother, Woodie, Bob has captured the title of "best dressed" at Catholic High for the last three years. This title climaxed a long search for distinction on the part of Bob which first took him to the football, basketball and scholastic fields of endeavor, but to no avail.



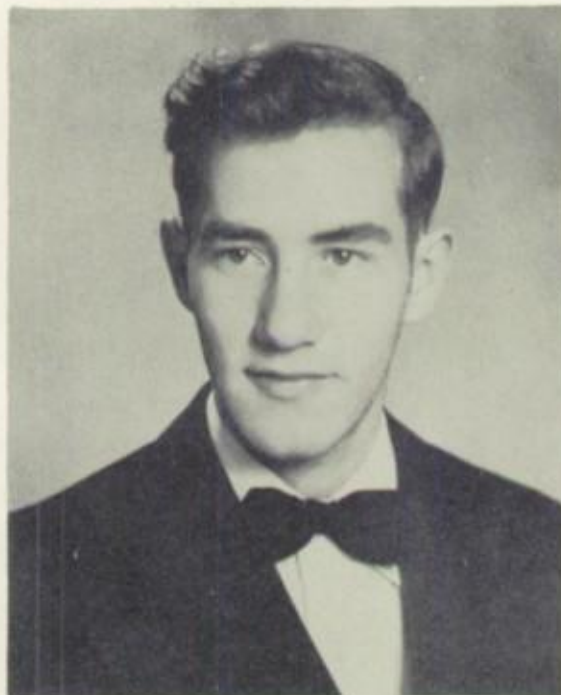
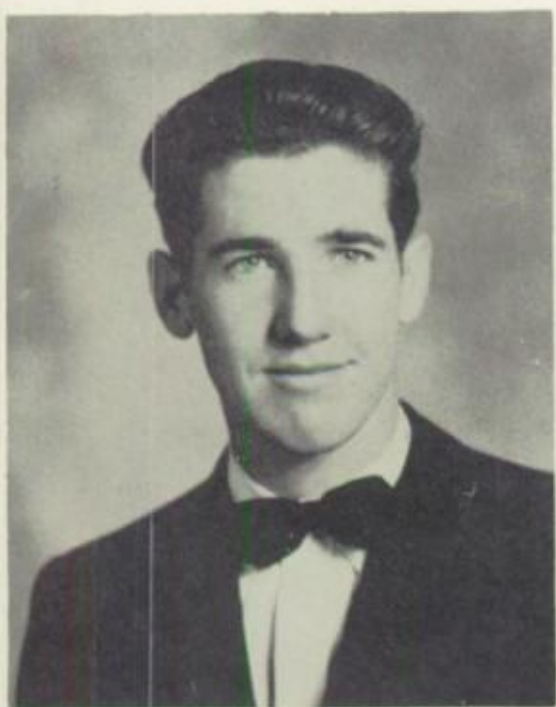
"Logy" NEARN, who's real name is Charles, is famous all over the city for his . . . Heh-Heh . . . automobile. A '36 Chevy, it does well to crawl, not run. Truly, the antique gets in there, and usually in one piece. In studies, Charlie excels in Spanish, being a star in Sr. Rita's class. (Whom do I think I'm kidding). Mr. Nearn has a strange craving for anything with a motor in it, so it wouldn't surprise any of us here at school if he turned out to be a "Doctor of Motors", or a "Carburetor Specialist".



EARL O'HARA and his James Motorcycle are inseparable couple. According to him, it's the fastest thing on two wheels. Although he has not taken to many extra-curricular activities, he has aided the general appearance of the school. The calm, collected Irishman has managed to become friends with everyone and that includes the faculty. All that can be said for O'Hara's future is that empires are made of men like him.



For golf, FRED NUESCH takes the cake in school. Not only is he a good player, beating his opponents, but he also is a good sport, making them almost glad they lost. Excelling in interscholastic sports here, he also, besides golf, played football and helped the team to a successful season. Freddy is a friend to all and a man with a fine future.



JOE RONZA. If you've ever been to one of the Catholic Hi Glee Club Concerts, you'll probably be wondering whose beautiful tenor voice you heard over all the rest. It was Joe Ronza's. He has strictly got talent for the fine art of singing. He has tried to help himself by taking music and by being in the band, while Fr. Granis led it. With all his talent, you'd never guess it by the way he acts. He is the average, good-mannered C. H. S. student and, being qualified as such, is a swell fellow.

LEO PIEROTTI has acquired the name of "Carpet Bagger". Beats me how he got it, but it's rumored that he's been around C. H. S. so long, people think he came there just after the Civil War with the other "Carpet Baggers". No joking, Leo has only spent the required time in school and has done a good job at many things while here. He was captain of the football team in 1949, played basketball, baseball and football for four years and has kept a decent standard of grades. His laugh, which reminds one of the death scream of a man falling off a cliff, has brought him city-wide fame. It's a cinch, if he remains on the same trail, he'll do great things.



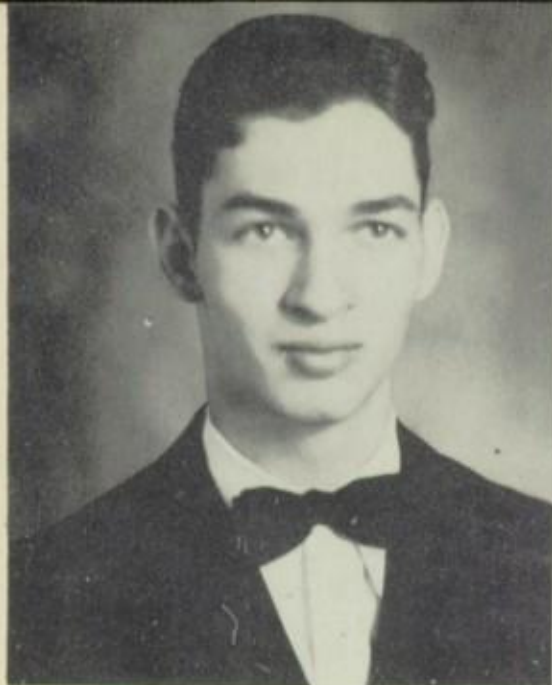
HENRY RIDDLE. "The little boy with the big heart." Although small in size, he was one of the outstanding basketball players in the city. He is the type of boy you would like to have for a brother, and is ready to help anyone at anytime. No matter what undertaking he may tackle after graduation Henry will give his best and that will be far more than enough.



The ace of Fr. Morris's Senior English Class is none other than TOM TOMA. Along with many contributions to the letters of the *Magnet*, he has put himself in the limelight of the class by writing some awfully nice bits of poetry. This doesn't necessarily foretell anything, but, from the looks of things at present, Longfellow and Whittier are going to be crowded in a few years.

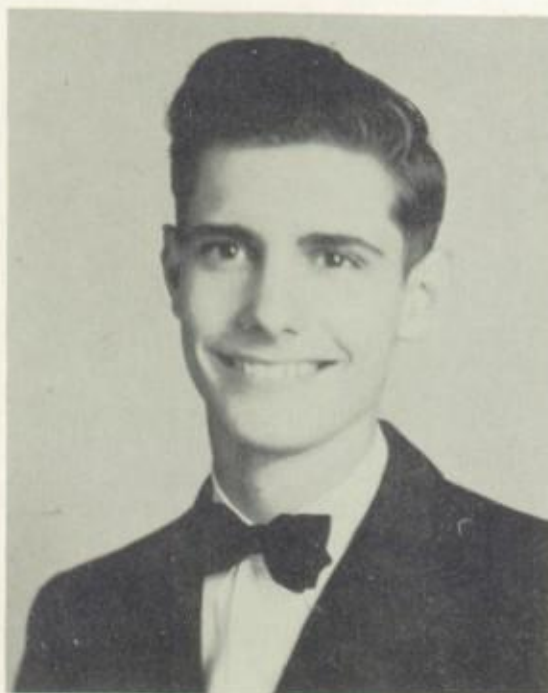
Next on the list for public criticism is BOB STOTT. A small fellow, but with a big heart. He's tried hard to make the boxing team for the last three years, but every time was eked out by a close decision. As most good C. H. S. students, he has his faults with his virtues, but they are definitely few and far between. The red-headed slugger keeps up a good average at class and is one of the most popular boys in the senior class.



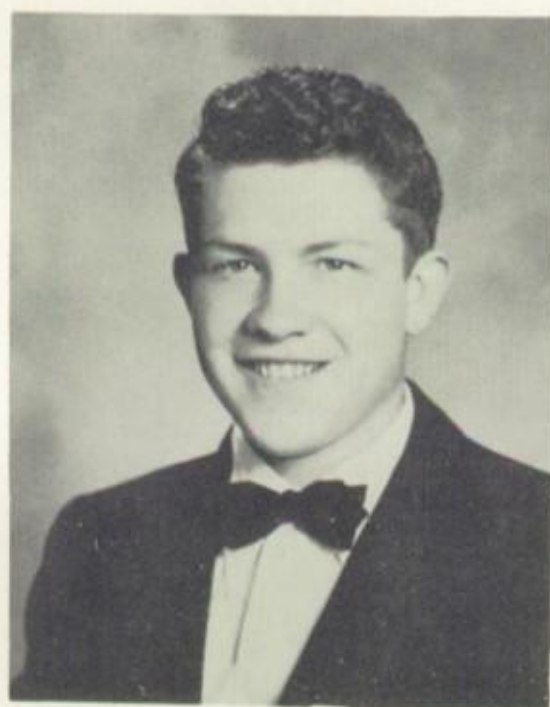


ERNEST TREMMEL, or Buddy as his friends call him, has the spirit that knows no bounds. At the start of this season he took care of our kick-offs and some of our punts. Later, however, his knee was injured and since then he has been a staunch cheerer for all the school's activities. Aside from his fine school spirit, he is an average in studies, application and deportment; so remember, dear readers, the foundation of the world depends on average people.

A. J. VENEZIA. Having won the medal for the "queen" of the sciences last year, he has always been a leader in this phase of schooling as well as others. He plays in the band, sings in the glee club, writes for the paper and the CRUSADER, and, in the first semester of his last year here, entered the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Congratulations on a fine record, A. J.

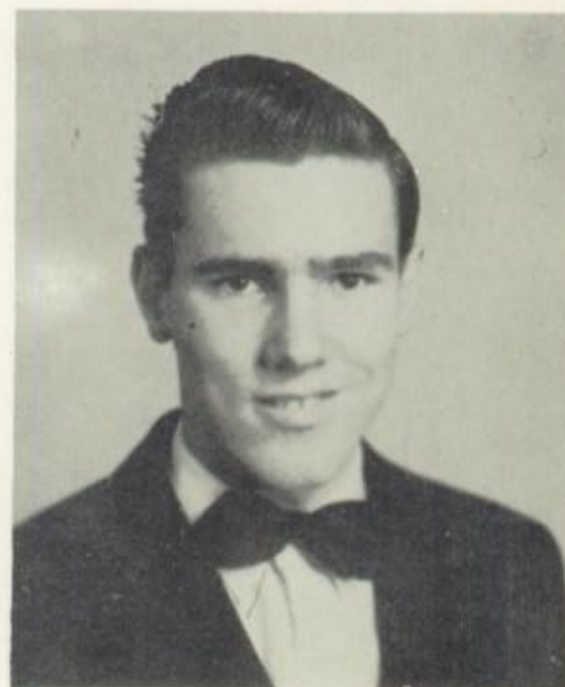


Now we come to the boy who has taken part in the most activities. It's ALFORD WOOD. Just to name a few of the organizations to which he belongs let us start with: The Spanish Club, The Mathematics Club, The Band, The Gregorians, The Honor Society, Editor of the *Magnet*, The Thaliens and actually many others. No wonder he won the activities medal in the summer of 1948. Even though it looks like he has his hands in everything, he is a regular guy and a most likeable fellow.



LARRY "Chubby Cheeks" WELCH is probably most noted here for his excellent job as Exchange Editor for the *Magnet* and the annual. Besides this, he has written many articles for Sr. Gabriel in her Journalism Class. Though he is not on the Honor Society, he has been above average in most of his studies all four years, and it is this type boy that presidents and generals are made of.

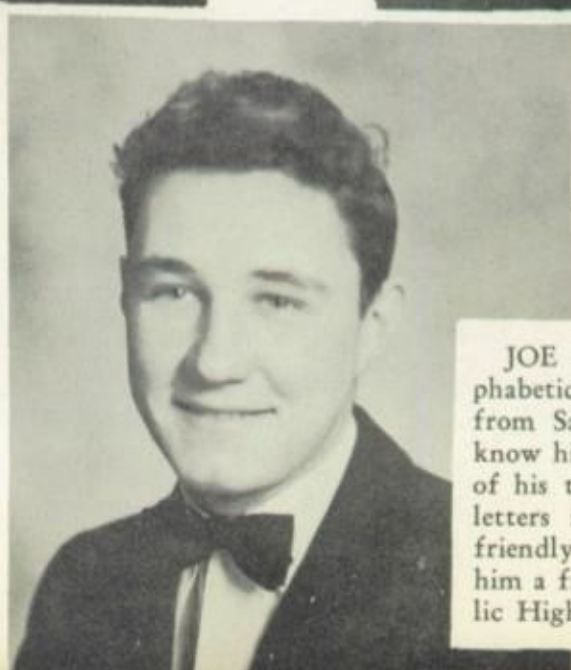
A little below we speak of the spirit of Buddy Tremmel. The next person we discuss at least equals this. Yes, he's MARTIN WENZLER. Although he has been behind the school all the way, he certain proved it his last year. While playing left-half in the last football game of the 1948 football season, Martin broke his knee in three places. Although he spent over a month out of school, he finished out the semester, but when it came time for exams, you couldn't tell his papers from the rest except perhaps the handwriting was a little ragged. You bet! He passes them all. Thanks a lot for your spirit too, Mr. Wenzler.



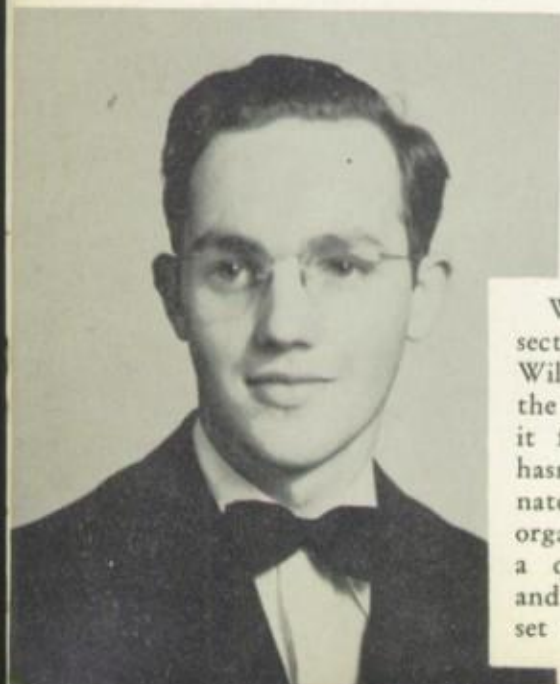
None of us will ever forget big JOE WILLIAMS. This forceful line man of the gridiron, this tall center of the hardwood court, this friend to all has boosted the popularity of C. H. S. by leaps and bounds. Though he was not known throughout the city for his athletics until his last year because of knee and ankle injuries, it didn't take long for him to be called a hard tackler and a dead-shot with a basketball. The whole school looks up to you, Joe, not because of your size, but for your sportsmanship and all-round qualities.



JOE XIQUES. Last on our list in alphabetical order is Joe Xiques. Hailing from Sacred Heart many of you already know him from his football fame. Because of his terrific speed, Joe also has won his letters in baseball as an outfielder. His friendly and easy going attitude has made him a friend, indeed, of everyone at Catholic High.



W. WULFF. Where would the clarinet section of Mr. Corneille's band be without Willie Wulff. Let me tell you. Behind the 8-ball. Willie has been a member of it for three years, and even though he hasn't played first chair music, he has donated his talent to make it one of the best organizations of its kind in Memphis. He's a quiet, courteous, gentlemanly student, and these qualities will always be an asset to anyone.



Class History

by JIMMY MURPHY

The graduation of the Senior Class of 1949 marks the completion of the high school education for a group of boys who are the foundation stones of a great new institution. These are the boys that have the distinction of being the first class to complete the four years at the all boys Catholic High. Four years ago when these boys registered at the new school, it was but an infant in the process of taking its first step, but now, four years later, it is a well-organized establishment with the highest of scholastic standards. By this great progress we can readily see that outstanding cooperation and loyalty were furnished by the students, and the leaders of these students were the present Seniors. That's the reason that the class of '49 can well feel proud of the record they leave behind.

No matter which phase of school life you consider you will find that throughout the years the "Forty-Niners" have been the pacemakers. Whether it be scholastic achievement, sports, or extra-curricular activities, this class has always been a step ahead.

First in line take the scholastic achievement. Since the National Honor Society was inaugurated at Catholic High the members of the class of '49 have been in majority with Cargile, Hamling, Garibaldi, Ertz, Murphy, Wulff, Toma, and Venezia taking the upper hand.

The Catholic High Band was founded and carried on the able shoulders of the "Forty-Niners." The band has always been largely comprised of these boys.

There is no question that this class has consistently led in sports. The football team's "first team" was made up almost wholly of Seniors with a fighting spirit that tops 'em all. Many a time you've heard the names of Pierotti, Xiques, Garibaldi, Proctor, Krug, Maynard, Devoto, Dattilo, Tremmel, Cooper and Williams boom over the P. A. system at the football field.

In recent years the successes of the Terriers baseball team have been sparked by such names as Garibaldi, Pierotti, Maynard, Cooper, Tremmel, and Xiques.

The names of Williams, Cooper, Pierotti, Maynard, Batson, and Riddle are linked with the high spirited basketball team of '49 who have demonstrated they can perform with the best. I might add the Catholic athletic teams have had the best manager in town with Frank Noble filling that post.

The boys of the '49 class who have been on the Catholic boxing team have shown admirable courage and ability. Stott, Murphy, and Maynard are three who have boxed more than one year and Maynard is ac-

credited with going to the finals and semi-finals in the Prep in two consecutive years.

In the field of journalism both the *Magnet* and the *CRUSADER* will suffer the loss of the backbone of their staffs. Maynard and Wood being co-editors of the school paper, Ertz, artist; Murphy, feature editor, and reporters Ronza, Cargile, Venezia, Welch.

The task of editing a first school Annual was placed in the hands of these same boys and they came through with a brilliant success. The book you are now reading is their second endeavor to make the *CRUSADER* the number one year book of the city.

From the dramatic standpoint the "Thalians," the Catholic High Dramatic Club, will be a long time in finding boys to fill the shoes of Cargile, Wood, Ronza, Martin, and Nearn, who deserve a great deal of credit for presenting some of the highest caliber school plays in recent years.

During their junior year the present graduating class staged the school's first Junior-Senior Prom. This was done through the fine backing of the class in selling Christmas cards and sponsoring dances.

I see my space is running out and yet I have but enumerated a small portion of the accomplishments in the History of the Class of '49.

In conclusion I can't help but say that the achievements and successes made by this, the first class to complete the four years at the All Boys Catholic High, owe a great debt of appreciation to their instructors, the diocesan priests; who have molded into the boys the characteristics of good Catholic men.

My only hope is that they will live up to be the Catholic men they have been taught to be.



Class Will

by JIMMY MURPHY

We, the Graduating Class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine, of Catholic High School for Boys, being of sound mind and body, memory and understanding, do hereby make and execute this, our Last Will and Testament, in the following manner:

- 1.) Clayton Cargile leaves his No. 12 shoes and nickname, "Lover Boy", to Glenn Calvert.
- 2.) Earl O'Hara bequeaths his heavy beard to any freshman who is trying to grow one.
- 3.) Leo (The Nut) Pierotti leaves his halfback position to anyone who is good enough to fill his shoes next season.
- 4.) "Pistol" Pete Maynard leaves his rugged boxing ability to his opponents and his tender feminine touch to whoever can fill the bill.
- 5.) Bobby Stott leaves his red hair to Luchessi.
- 6.) A. J. Venezia bequeaths his brains to Joe Brown but the tuba goes to Raymond Turvey.
- 7.) Bill Wulff leaves polite manners and friendly ways with Lynn Doyle.
- 8.) "Uncle" Tom Garibaldi wills his quiet attitude and sports ability to "Unkie" Limberg.
- 9.) Joe Hamling bequeaths his curly hair to Lawrence Cariota.
- 10.) Bill "Rooster" Cooper wills his pitching skill and all-round popularity to "Nutty" Edwards.
- 11.) Joe "Coon" Williams leaves his football and basketball technique to Pat Ryan but the height goes to Charlie (The Midget) Harty.
- 12.) Albert "Duffy" Devoto bequeaths his likeable manner, football spirit, and his "weazel" ways with the gals to Bill Elliott.
- 13.) Charlie Nearn leaves his ready smile to Jim Green, but his clarinet goes to Mr. Corneille.
- 14.) Jimmy Murphy leaves his interests in the students of the Memphis girls schools in the welcoming hands of Dick Perkins.
- 15.) Al "The Fat Man" Wood leaves his bell ringing knack to the poor kid who is given the job next year.
- 16.) Arthur Martin bequeaths his brawny build and Sherlock Holmes pipe to anybody who will take it.
- 17.) James Hutton wills his love for school work to Ami Aeschleman.
- 18.) Pat McKelvy leaves his good-natured manner to Walter Burke.
- 19.) Joe Ronza leaves his jitter-bug style to Buddy Jensen and tenor voice to Dan Bruce.
- 20.) Minor Holland bequeaths his undying love for homework to John Laine.
- 21.) Joe Vanelli wills his joking disposition to Don Stewart.
- 22.) Tom Toma leaves his unassuming, intelligent manner to Jack Acerra.
- 23.) Frank Noble leaves his all-out school spirit and friendly traits to Phil (Dad) Dattilo.
- 24.) John Messina wills his fondest love at Catholic High, spaghetti, to Joe Scola.
- 25.) Larry Krug leaves his curly hair and interest in the opposite sex to Gordon Glaze.
- 26.) Primo Motto bequeaths his French-style hair-do to Herman Diffie.
- 27.) Jack Batson leaves his technique with his teachers and all-around good nature to Jack Gurley.
- 28.) Henry Riddle wills his basketball shots to Vernon Owens.
- 29.) John Moore leaves his quiet easy-going manner to Dan Bruch.
- 30.) Martin Wenzler wills his typing speed and comical wit to Louis Gunn.
- 31.) Robert Morrison leaves his blond hair and pleasant smile to Joe Brown.
- 32.) Fred Neusch wills his two favorite interests, football and girls, to Charlie Hanna.
- 33.) Lawrence Welch (Mister Five by Five) leaves his three dimensions to Joe Manos.





FLASHBACK: They're Seniors now, but thoughts easily slip back to last May and the Junior Prom. Pictured at left are the officers of the Junior Class and their dates. *Left to right*, Jean Clay Cox, Tom Garibaldi, Pete Maynard, Molly Nowell, Leo Pierotti, Elizabeth Lucchesi and Charles Edwards.

OPENING DAY and the schedule of classes have floored Louie Gunn, and "Laughing Boy" Green is offering little assistance. (By the way, the post was deductible from Papageorgeon's income report as his chief means of support for nine months).

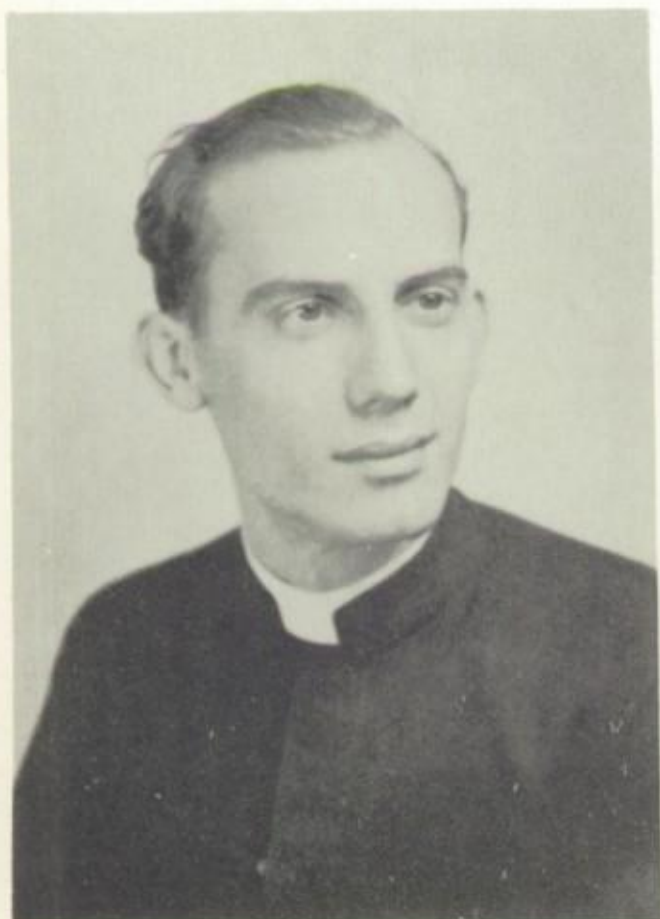


Receiving trophies from Father John A. Elliott, Principal of Catholic High School for Boys are the captains of the Parochial League football teams at the Annual Parochial Football Jamboree. The Parochial League has furnished Catholic High's football team with many of its outstanding athletes in the past.

Junior Class Officers



JUNIOR OFFICERS FOR 1948-'49 are, left to right: Gene Hollahan, president; Dan Bruce, vice-president; Robert Reilly, secretary; and Charles Edwards, treasurer.



Principal task at hand facing the Junior Class at the beginning of the year was playing host at the Junior Prom for the Seniors and clearing the decks, scholastically, for their own coming senior year. Reports indicate that both tasks were handled adequately. Most Juniors can look forward to a big Senior year and the present Seniors will not soon forget the Prom of '49.

Outstanding musician and scholar of the class was Dan Bruce while Dick Perkins joined him in the scholastic race. Gene Valley starred for the rejuvenated Terriers on the hardwood aided by "Little" Buddy Jensen. Pick Edwards looked very good on the gridiron and "Beeg" Walter Burke showed promise on both gridiron and hardwood. However, hats were off to a real leader, Gene Hollahan, elected president of the Junior Class. Father Thomas Cashin, Moderator of the class.



Frank Belenchia



Paul Blancq



Joseph R. Brown



Phil Brown



Daniel Bruce



Lawrence Cariota



Robert Clark



Phillip Dattilo



John Dolan



Donald Dooley



Henry Drannon



Charles Edwards



Anthony Falcinelli



Marshall Garbarini



Gordon Glaze



James Green



Leon Griffin



Louis Gunn



Norman Harris



Charles Harty



Robert Hill



Edw. Hodgson



Eugene Hulbert



Charles Jensen



Joe Linder



Laurie McDonald



John Millington



Charles Montgomery



David Mulkey



Eugene O'Brien



Richard Perkins



Anthony Papageorgeon



Victor Pretti



David Proctor



Frank Radford



Robert Reilly



William Williams



Raymond Turvey



Eugene Valley



Eugene Wells



Charles Winkley

Left to Right—Philip Willett, George Vincent, Clarence Harwell, Walter Burke.





HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!!!
"Nutty" Edwards leading the line
for that "mornin' coffee call" at
good Ol' Catholic; Father Morris
and Joe Fisher pouring.



History in the making. Monsignor Louis J. Kempf, Dean of West Tennessee and Chairman of the Catholic High Building Committee, is pictured signing the contract for the erection of the New Catholic High School for Boys. The smile on Monsignor's face is genuine for he's proven our true friend and champion.

Father Cashin, professor of mathematics and religion, was appointed Chairman of the Indecent Literature Drive in West Tennessee by the Most Reverend Bishop. The drive was successful in curbing the spread of filth in Memphis. Herman Diffie, Metford Compton, Jack Acerra and Vincent Turk were members of the committee cooperating with Father at Catholic High.



THEY GOT OUT IN A HURRY! Cooperating with the Fire Prevention Bureau of Memphis, fire drills are held regularly at Catholic High. A record time was set at the occasion of this picture.



Sophomore Officers



Pictured above are the Officers of the Sophomore Class for the school year, 1948-49. *Left to right*, they are: *Elmer Kurrus*, secretary; Alex Montesi, treasurer; Jack Acerra, vice-president; and Joe Manos, president. Father Heymer was chosen by the class to be its Moderator.

After a pretty tough freshman year, the Sophs proceeded to step into the limelight at Catholic. Danny Bruch, Donald Stewart and Ami Aeschleman showed great promise on the gridiron; Joe Manos and Jack Acerra, along with Jack Gurley, hit the high marks scholastically, and Elmer Kurrus took honors in the Scholastic Writers Contest.



Jack Acerra



Ami Aeschleman



Fred Arnold



William Bagwell



Dan Bruch



Jay Crawford



Jack Daley



Herman Diffie



Lynn Doyle



James Ethridge



Jack Gurley



Clifford Huffman



Frank Fogerty



Don Kelly



Elmer Kurrus



Louis Lucchesi



Desmond Laux



James McDonald



Walter McNeil



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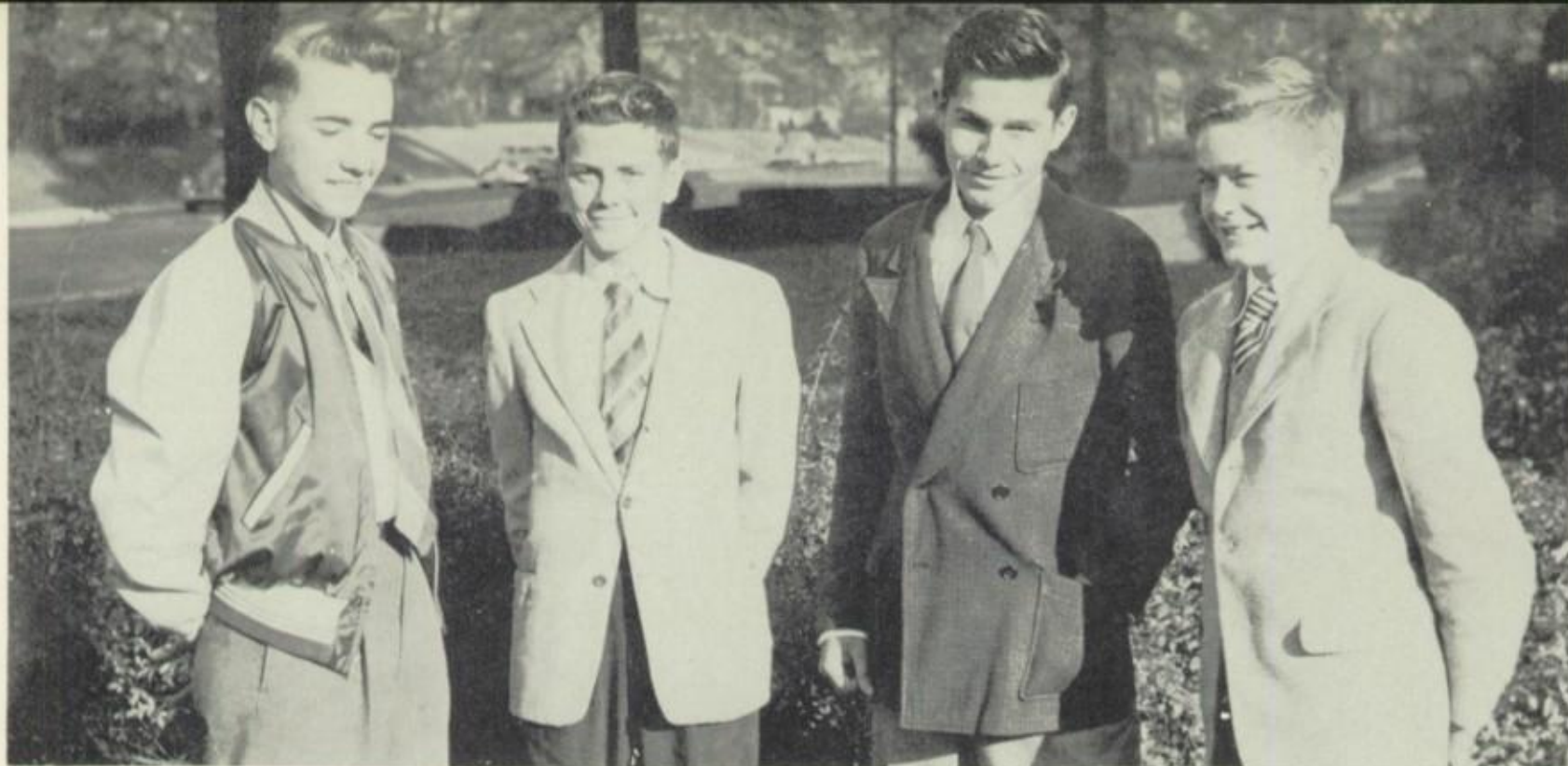
Vincent Turk



Joe Scola

Left to right—Ray Crossnine, John Laine and Ted Bruch.





John Bernardini

Freshman Officers

Gaining recognition as leaders early, the following were elected officers of the Freshman Class: Vernon Owens, treasurer; Frank Bradley, president; Glenn Calvert, secretary; and Billy Ditto, vice-President. Father Morgan is the Faculty Advisor.



Eugene Belote



Fred Bost



Eugene Arnold



Frank Bradley



Glenn Calvert



Metford Compton



Fred Contini



Billy Ditto



Joe Facello



Michael Fitzmorris



Robert Godwin



William Hadden



Charles Hanna



Tom Harty



Pat Hollahan



Richard Howell



Robert Jolet



Joe Laux



Jimmy Lee



Lewis Limberg



Robert McKnett



Donald Masserano



Jack Mathis



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Pat Ryan



William Shaeffer



Coleman Smythe



Joe Trouy

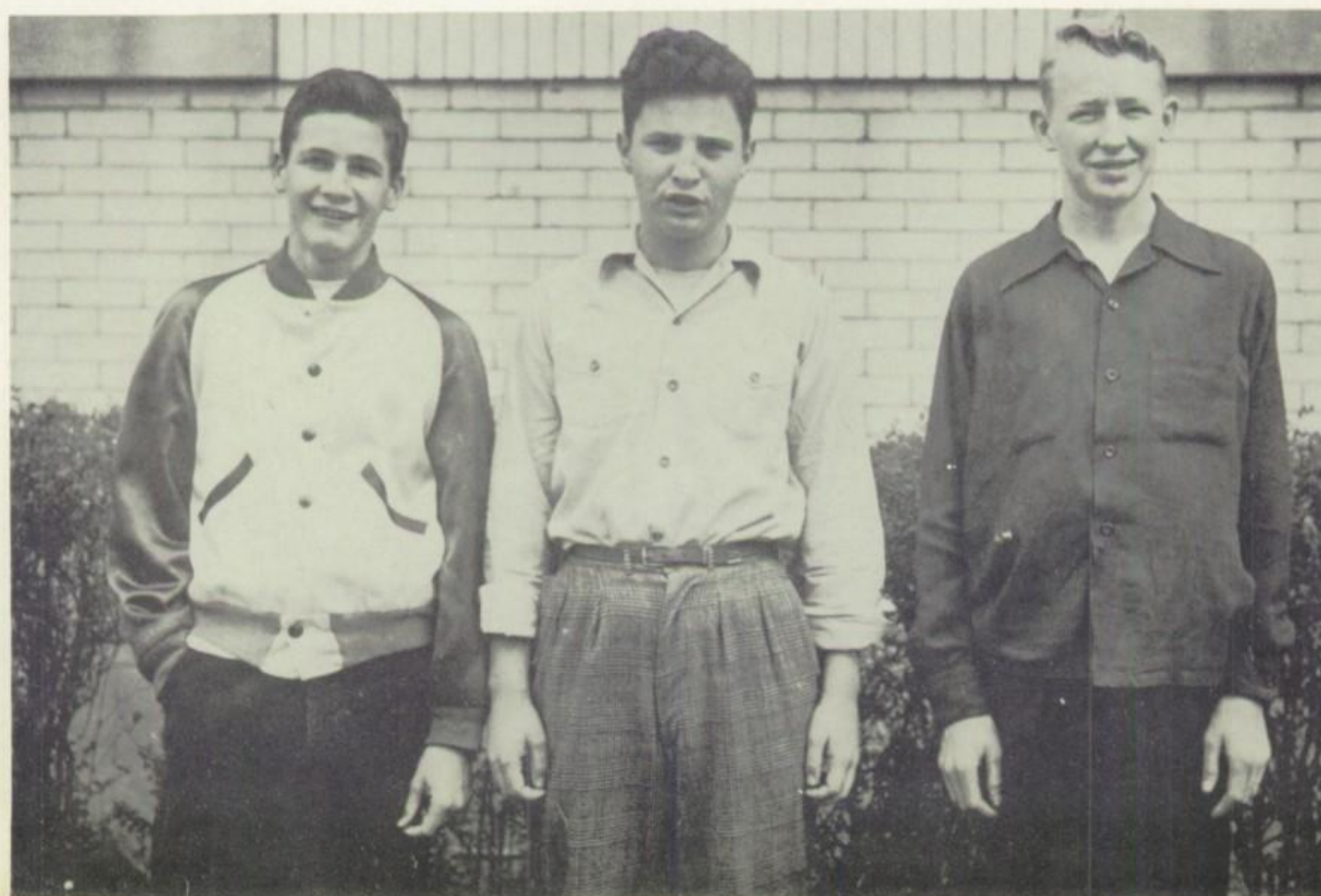


Stanley Worthington



Joe Wright

Left to Right—Fred McGoff, Jimmy O'Brien, Jack Priest.



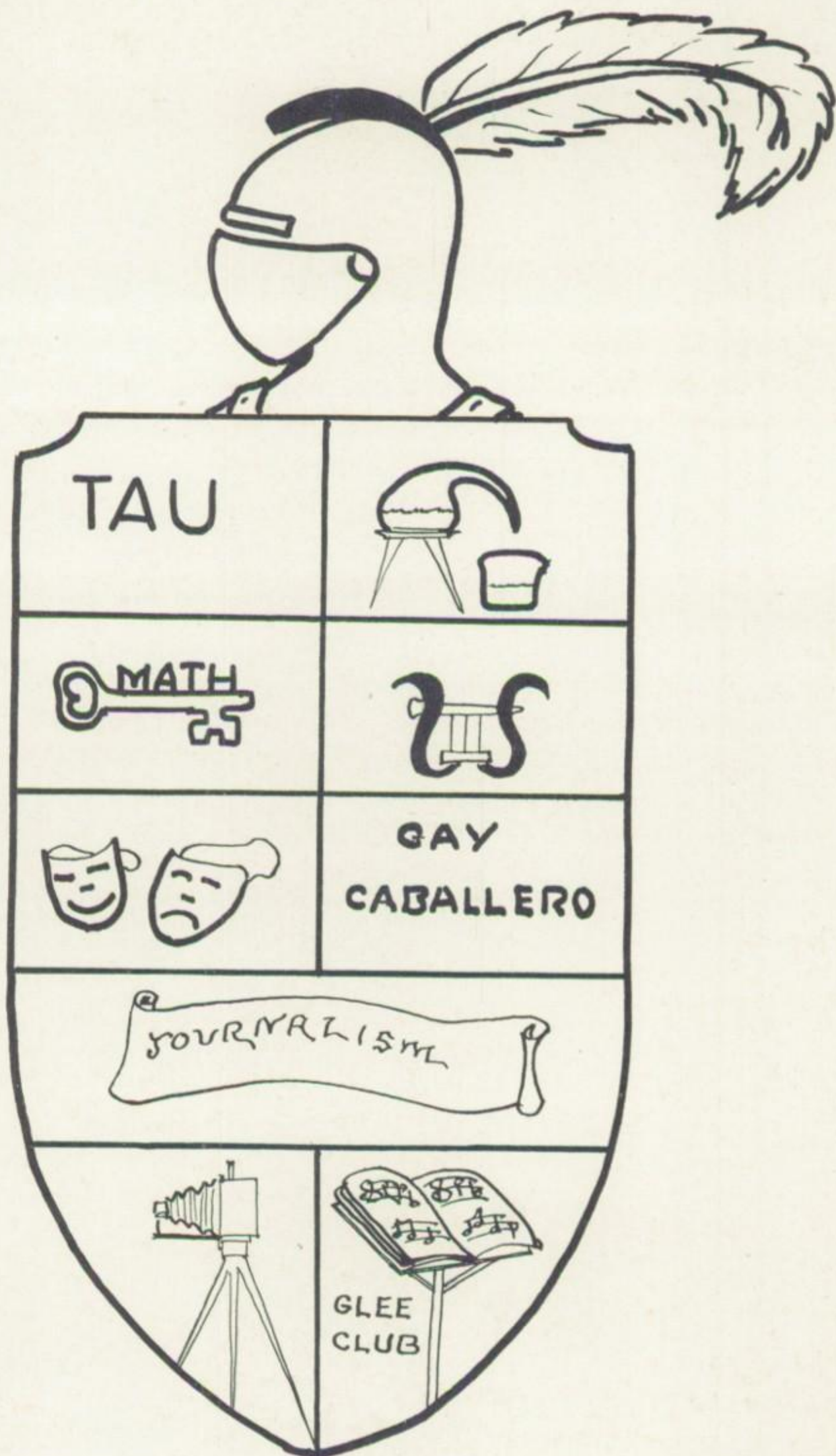


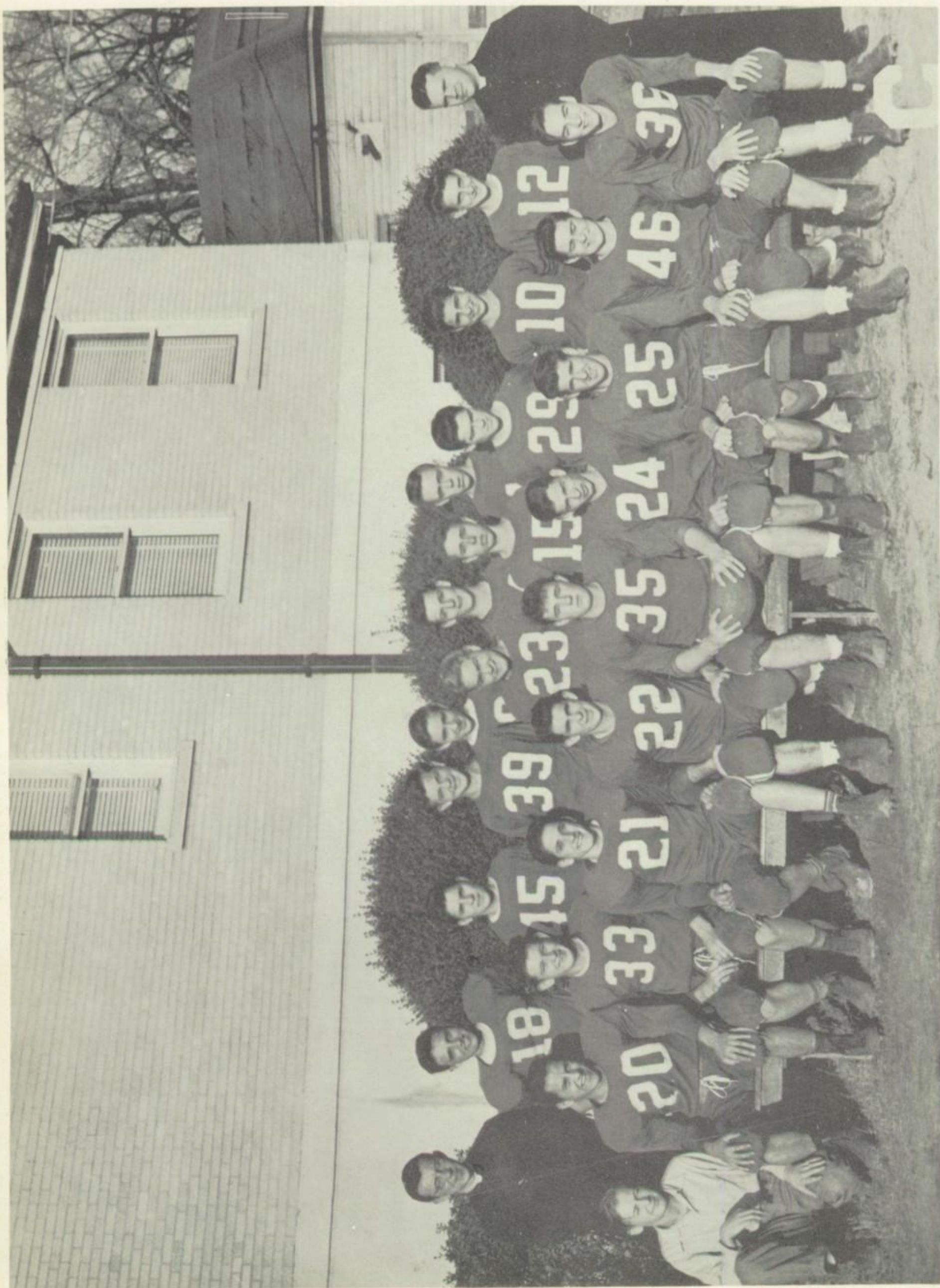
Freshman

Initiation

The climax of the first few weeks of the freshman's life at Catholic High is Freshman Day . . . the day on which each is put to the test. Will he be worthy to enter the ranks of the student body, or will he falter and fail to meet the challenge. It's a pretty rough eight hours, but all usually ends with a sigh of relief on the part of the freshman and the extended hand of comradeship of the senior.







*Front Row, left to right—*R. Morrison, mgr., L. Pierotti, E. Hodgeson, L. Krug, T. Garibaldi, J. Xiques, E. Tremmel, F. Neusch, M. Holland, R. Maynard. *Second Row—*
 Father Paul Morris, Assistant Athletic Director, P. Dattilo, J. Daley, N. Harris, D. Stewart, A. Devoto, A. Aeschilman, G. Shipley, C. Edwards, D. Bruch, L. Griffen,
 L. Gunn, and Father James Driscoll, Athletic Director.

Football

Never once did they give up, never once did they quit fighting, never once did they take anything without hitting back, yet, only once did they taste victory. Though unpredictable as the Terriers were they won for themselves the admiration of the whole City. Unpredictable yes, because one week they may be smothered by an overwhelming score, then the next week only be nosed out by the prep champs by a 31-39 count. One half of a game be pushed around with ease and with the last quarter only have seven points to their credit and yet when the final whistle sounded they had scored 24 points. Yes, that's the way the Terriers worked.

The squad had the honor of having one of the finest coaches in the business. For Latham Graham knows his football and his boys. He taught his players with patience and understanding, but with fire enough to make them learn. He is devoted to his boys and beyond a doubt every member of the squad loved and respected their coach. Also in the coaching field Sturla Canale, one time Notre Dame grid star. He did magnificent work with the linemen teaching them just how the game is to be played. Mr. Canale gave up his own time to work with the team. This type of sacrifice is greatly appreciated by the whole team.



At the end of the season the Terriers were awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Sportsmanship Trophy. This is given to the team that shows outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season.

Never to be outdone in courage were the Terriers for after the close of the Prep season they chose for an after season contest, Blytheville, the State Champs of Arkansas, and gave them one of their hardest games of their season, losing by a 39-31 score.

Next season looks very bright for the Terriers and with Coach Latham Graham at the helm they are assured of future success.





Buddy Tremmel



Fred Nuesch



Philip Dattilo

Larry Krug



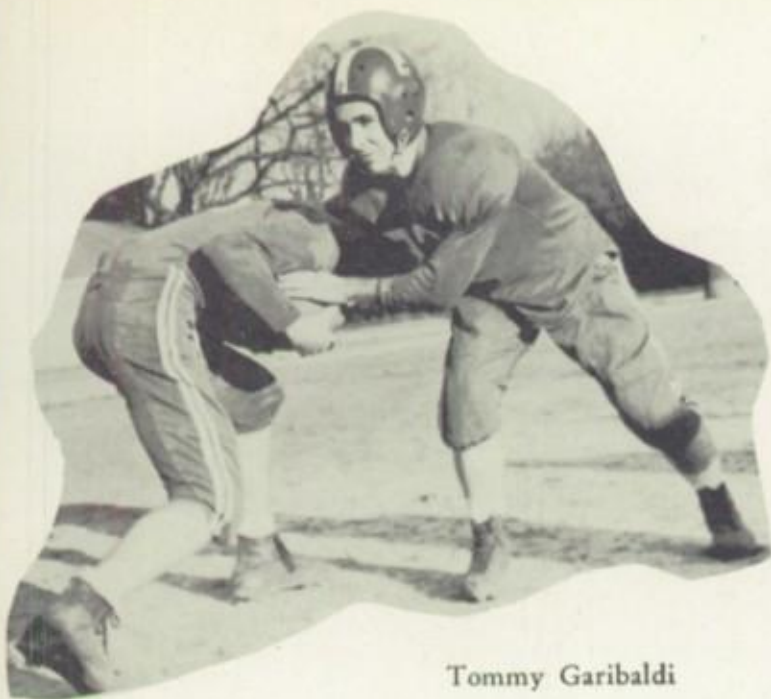
Albert Devoto



"Practice Makes Perfect" as the saying goes, but it's not all fun. No, it's a steady grind, that means day after day of hard work. It means hitting the ground that's been baked by the sun, soaked by the rain, or frozen by the cold. It means practice when you don't feel like practicing. It means sacrificing some of your pleasure, giving up your time. It means this and a lot more. But actually you love it because you know it's the right thing to do. You know that you can achieve no success without work-



Bill Cooper



Tommy Garibaldi



Leo Pierotti



Joe Xiques



Pete Maynard

ing for it. And when you come to think of it, it's really a lot of fun, it means being with the fellows you know, working with them, helping them and getting to know them better. Sounds funny but from football practice you not only learn football, you learn how to sacrifice, you make friends and learn how to take it; and you have plenty of fun during it.



Joe Williams

V. F. W. Sportsmanship Award

One of the highlights of the annual football banquet was the presentation of a sportsmanship trophy by Commander William McTighre of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The trophy is presented annually to the most sportsmanlike team in Shelby county. Pictured receiving the trophy is Albert Devoto, captain of Catholic High's 1948 team.

Any school would consider it an honor and privilege to receive the presentation, for it represents outstanding clean sportsmanship which is vitally important in the playing of any sport. The trophy is not awarded to the Champion team nor to the most improved squad in the city but rather is based entirely on the sportsmanlike play of the team at all times. Hats off to the 1948 squad.





The baby Terriers as they were called proved themselves no "babies" . . . but rather a spirited fighting group of men. Little in size but giants in courage. Ready to battle it out with any and all opponents.

Under Coach "Brick" Mason the freshmen learned valuable football information that will greatly prepare them for their further football careers. Coach Mason took a group of small inexperienced boys and made a hard-hitting squad that any coach would be proud of.

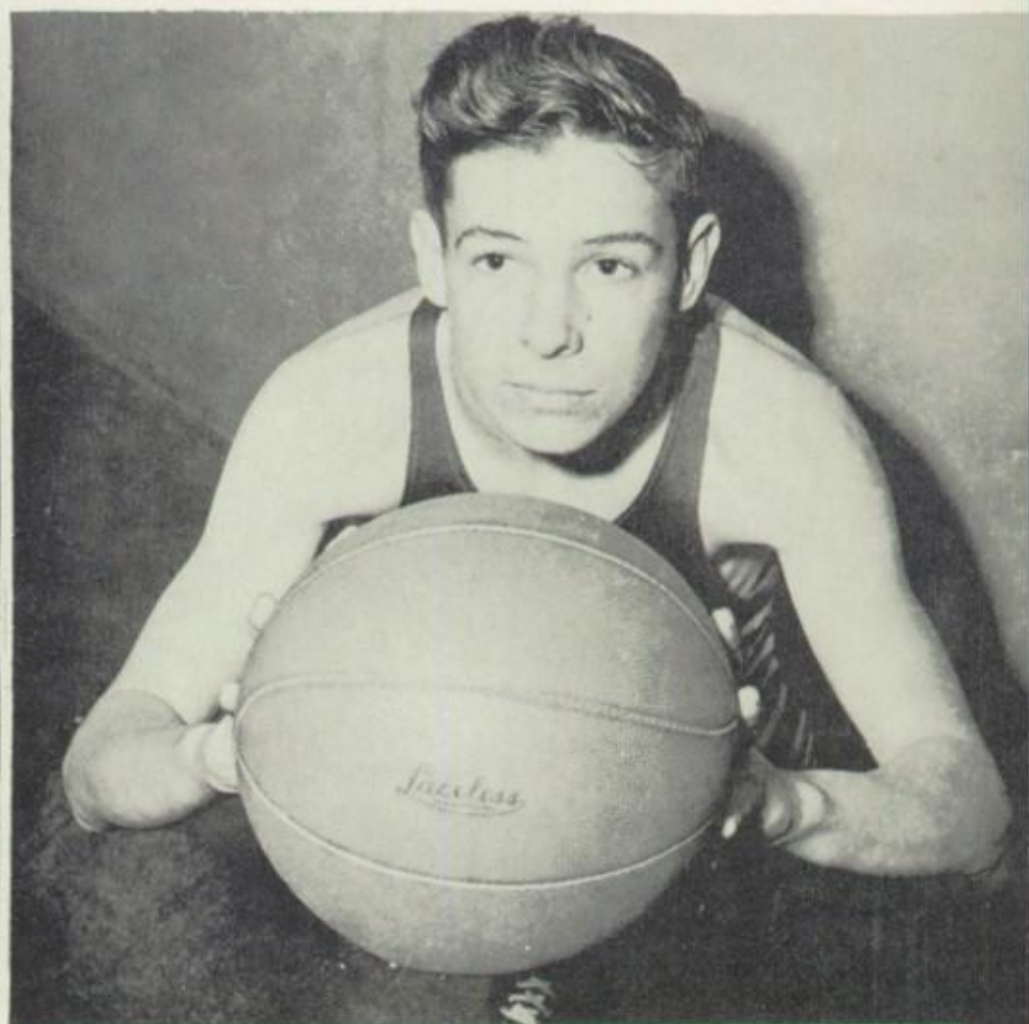




Kneeling—Charles Jensen, Coach Charlie Clunan, Phil Willett. *Standing*—Jack Batson, Jimmie Green, Joe Williams, Gene Valley, Henry Riddle and Joe Linder.



The man responsible for one of the most improved teams in the Prep League is Catholic's own brilliant young coach, Charlie Clunan. Charlie once played for Father Ryan's State Champ team and Austin Peay College.



The "life" of Catholic's spirited squad this year was little Henry Riddle, a Senior. His loss next year will be greatly felt.

Basketball

If you know any math the following will not be hard to add: a new coach, some inexperienced boys, a lot of hard practice, the result one of the most improved squads in Prep history. For the last three years the Terriers had shown little or no victories on the hardwood. Yet this season brought a new fighting squad into the eyes of the Terrier followers. For Coach Charlie Clunan and the boys racked the backboards for eleven victories. More wins than the Terriers have composed in the last four years.

The team possessed no height for Joe Williams was the only member over the six foot mark. Yet, they possessed the desire and the fight to win. The squad was made up of nine of the finest boys you would want to meet: Jack Batson, Jim Green, Joe Williams, Gene Valley, Henry Riddle, Charlie Jensen, Phil Willett and Bill Cooper.

The end of the season showed Riddle taking hon-

ors on the third team "All Memphis" *Press-Scimitar* squad. With Gene Valley and himself again, copping honors as honorable mention on the *Commercial Appeal* five. Although the smallest man on the squad Riddle proved himself deserving of the honors in more ways than one for in the most exciting games of the season in which we lost a 45-48 encounter to C.B.C. the Second District Champs, Henry played the entire game with a virus infection. It was this kind of play that contributed to the success of the Terrier five.

Memphis fans will always remember the expert ball handling of Jim Green and Charlie Jensen. The great backboard work of Joe Williams, the fine left-handed set shots of Bill Cooper, the fighting spirit of Phil Willett and Joe Linder, and the beautiful jump shots of Valley and Riddle. Yes, the Terriers under Charlie Clunan had a fine season.

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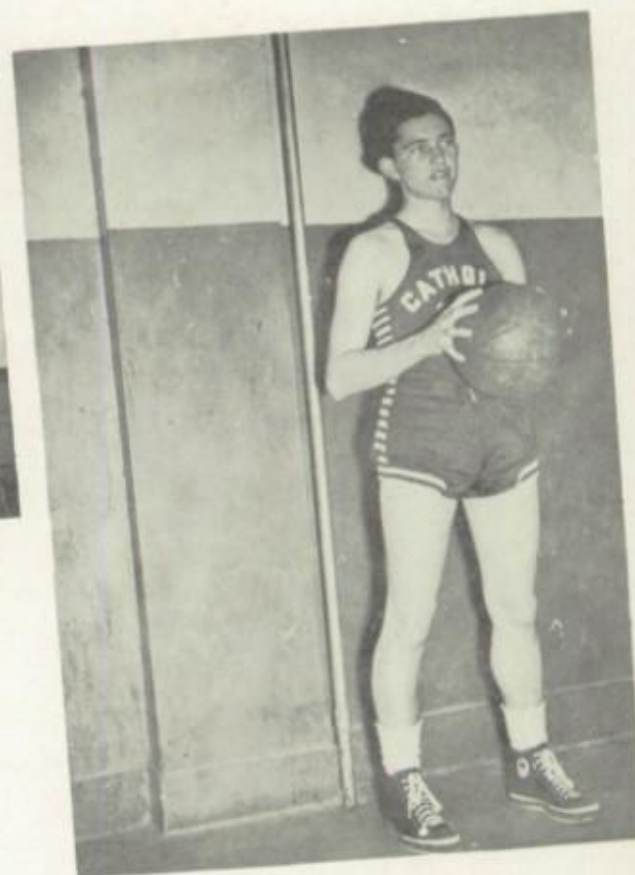
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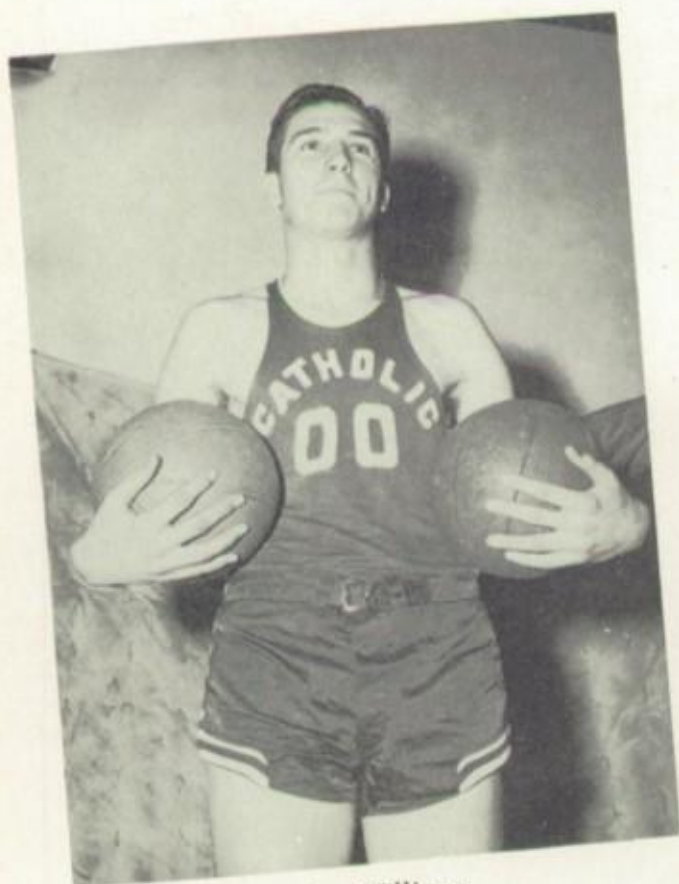
Buddy Jensen and Jimmie Green



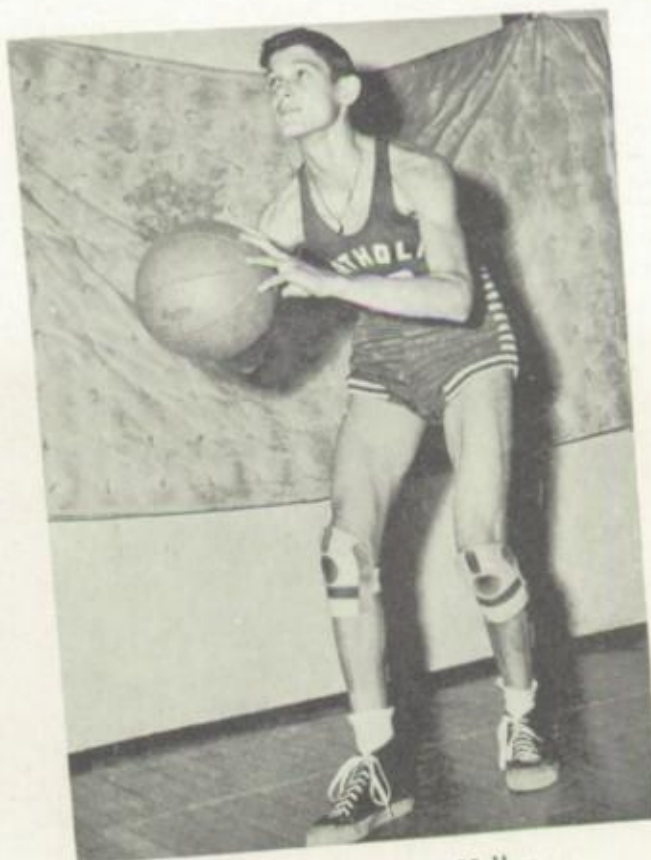
Joe Williams and Henry Riddle



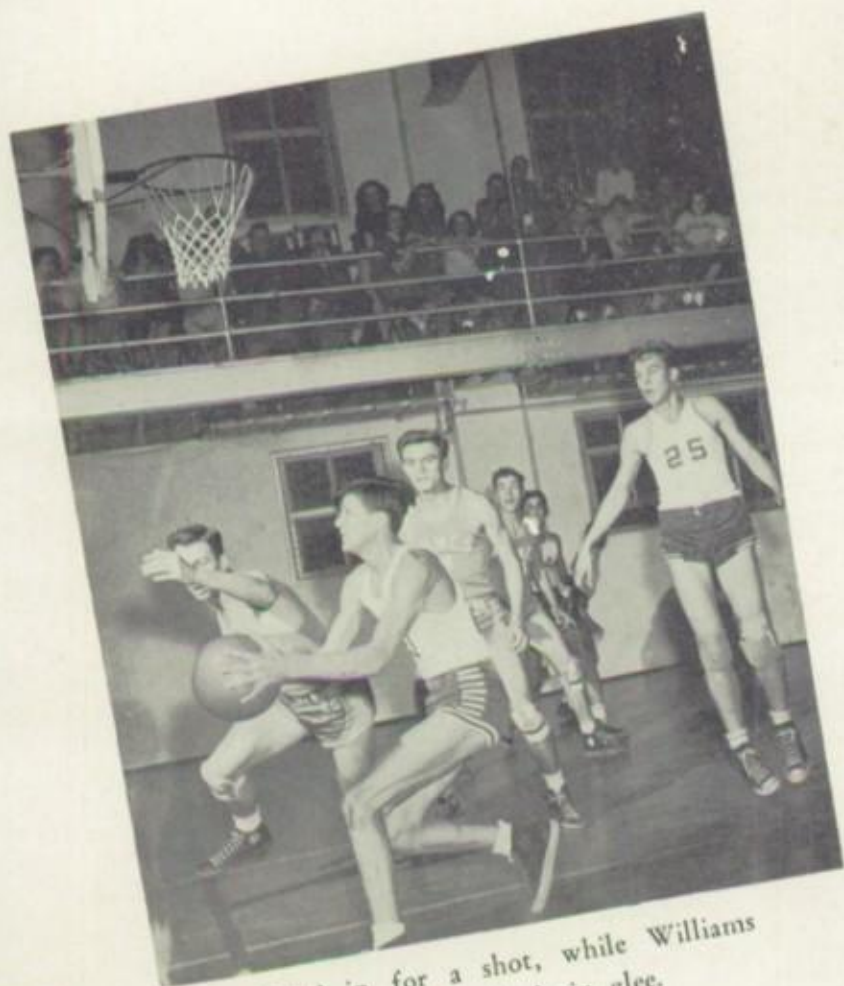
Jack Batson



Joe Williams



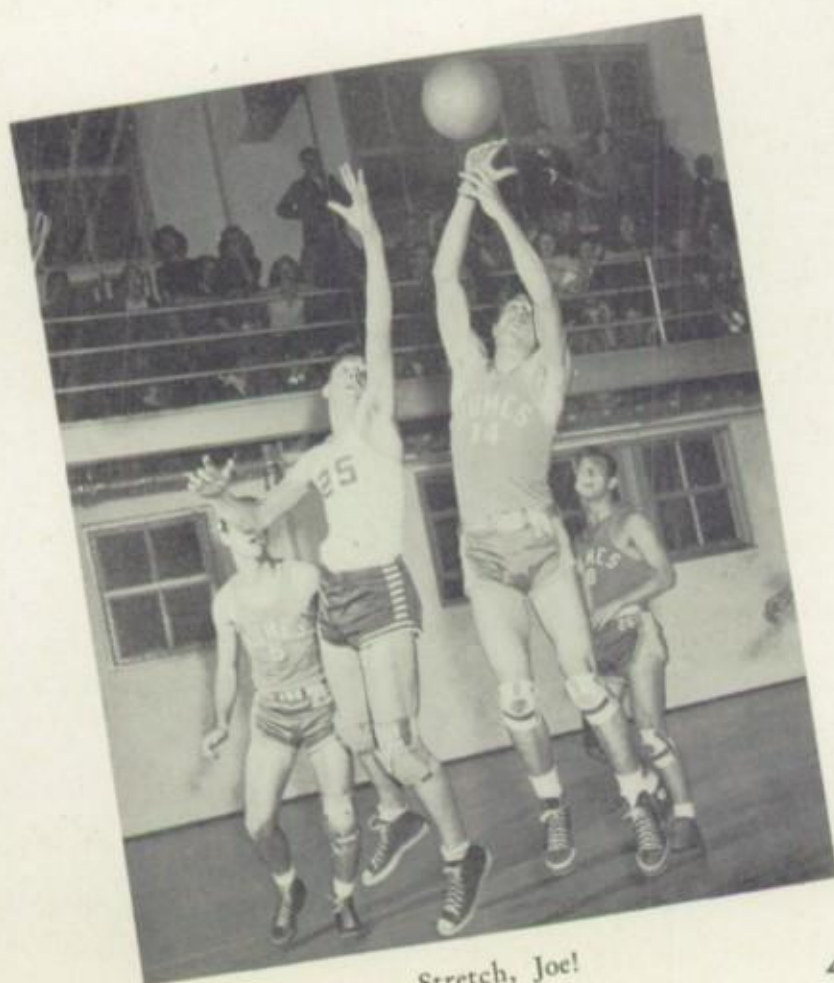
"Sharpshooter" Gene Valley



Goin' in for a shot, while Williams clicks his heels in glee.



Joe missed it but there's Gene to get the rebound.



Stretch, Joe!



"Stackin' 'em up" at half-time during a basketball game.

Getting in the swing of things for the coming golf season is Senior Tommy Garibaldi. The onlookers don't bother Tommy for he is a vet at the game. This is his third year of competition at Catholic.



Lining up his shot under the scrutinizing eye of Father Paul Trainor is one of the members of the 1949 Golf team. Father Trainor has coached the team for the past three years and their success has increased with each season. This year Father Trainor predicts that the team should be one of the leading contenders for the State Championship.

A picture of three "long knockers." *Left to right*—Fred Nuesch, Robert Godwin and Tommy Garibaldi try out the stance for the first tee. All three men have proven themselves capable under fire at all times.





Golf

With three of last year's four-man golf team returning, C. H. S. is expecting great things of this team. Led by Robert Godwin, Tom Garibaldi and Fred Nuesch, the golfers hope to better last year's team record of finishing third in the city and fifth in the State Tournament.

In the Memphis Prep Tourney, Catholic had two men in the top eight golfers, with Garibaldi reaching the quarter finals and Godwin the semi-finals. The very able fourth place man was Robert Hannan, who the team lost through graduation.

The 1949 group is earnest and ambitious concerning this coming season. Eager for the fourth position and the position of first and second alternates are Jimmy Murphy, Glenn Calvert, Gene Arnold, and Walter McNeil.

Goal for 1949: Enter the State Tournament with Catholic High holding the Prep League Team Championship and the individual champion a student at Catholic High.



Cheerleaders pictured, left to right—Charlie Harty, Co-Capt., Louis Trichel, Arthur Martin, Ameera Pierini, Sacred Heart Co-Capt., Marianne Davis, St. Agnes, Norma Free, St. Agnes, Clarice Poat, St. Thomas, Janet Gaynor, St. Thomas, Yvonne Butler, Holy Names, Shirley Zanone, Holy Names, and Ernestine Coscia, Sacred Heart.

The Megaphone Club



Pep, Inc., at Catholic High takes on the form of the Megaphone Club, an organization composed of members of the cheerleading squad. Since Catholic is "all-male" in student body, the girls from the Catholic girl schools in Memphis pitch in and lend their support, (for which we are all grateful.)

Although the Megaphone Club is most active during the football season, activities do not cease then. Throughout the school year they find many and varied activities to take their time. The highlight of the "off season" is the annual "Terrier Hop", about which you will read later, which has been intimately associated with the Megaphone Club and Catholic High. The "outstanding dance" of the year.



The pause that refreshes was one of the most welcomed moments of the weekly cheerleader practice session. Pictured, *left to right*, are Janet Gaynor, Shirley Zanone, Ameera Pierini, Marianne Davis, Arthur Martin, Charlie Harty, Norma Free, Ernestine Coscia, Yvonne Butler, and Clarice Poat.



The cheerleaders at Catholic High were considered by many to be the best in the city. This was not all by chance, however. Each Wednesday night found the squad in the school cafeteria working out for the next big game. The picture at right was snapped at just such an occasion.

The CBC-Catholic High games always prove to be one of the most interesting of the year. Something "new" is always a feature. This year the Catholic cheerleaders came to the game in grand fashion on a "rig" pulled by Nature Boy, a horse soon destined for the glue factories.



The Catholic High Band



The Band

Hampered by limited numbers and cramped quarters yet enhanced by spirited enthusiasm, determination and one of the finest bandsmen at their head, the Catholic High Band has managed to more than make a name for itself in the West Tennessee music circles. Since his arrival at Catholic, Director Lee Corneille has set for the band standards which far exceed any now in existence in this section. The attainment of the standards is rather slow in coming but though the advance has been measured, the outlook for the musical future of Catholic High is brilliant.

Mr. Corneille has set the band up on a military system and the ranking officer chosen was Clayton Cargile. Dan Bruce was chosen as assistant director and other ranking members include Alford Wood, A. J. Venezia, William Wulff, Joe Hamling and Charles Nearn.

Last year the band participated in the Cotton Carnival Parades, the height of achievement locally for a band. Also, they had a position in the Humboldt Strawberry Festival parades, the Navy Day Parade and the Armistice Day Parade. Each year, the work of the band is displayed at a Winter and Spring Concert. The band received a superior rating in Class CC in the State Association band ratings. Much is justly expected from the band in '49-'50.







Left to right—J. Green, P. Dattilo, L. Doyle, J. Gurley, A. Wood, J. Etheridge, L. Ertz, J. Ronza, C. Cargile, P. Maynard, A. J. Venezia, J. Williams, J. Murphy, W. McNeil, M. Wenzler, J. R. Brown, R. Murdock, G. Hollahan, R. Perkins, R. Turvey, L. Welch, W. Burke, L. Gunn, P. Blancq, D. Bruce, L. Griffen, J. Emerson, D. Mulkey, D. Bruch, D. Laux, J. Manos.

Journalism Club

One of Catholic High's successful ventures, the journalism class, is under the adept hands of Sister Gabriel. This organization is in charge of the publication of the school paper, the *Magnet*. The boys write the articles for the paper, and after the iron hand and red pencil of Sister Gabriel has passed over them, they are ready for publication in the *Magnet*. The paper is sold in the city Catholic Churches and Catholic High Schools and Grammar Schools.

Sister Gabriel's success with the journalism classes is readily illustrated by excellent ratings which the *Magnet* has received in the past three years.

Journalism gives you one-fourth credit a year, and at Catholic High, you earn that credit. The schedule includes regular vocabulary tests, practice in writing articles, thorough discussions on basic rules of journalism, study of journalistic slang, tests in picking errors out of various types of articles, and, every once in a while, we try our hand at writing poetry.

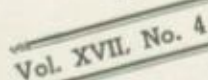
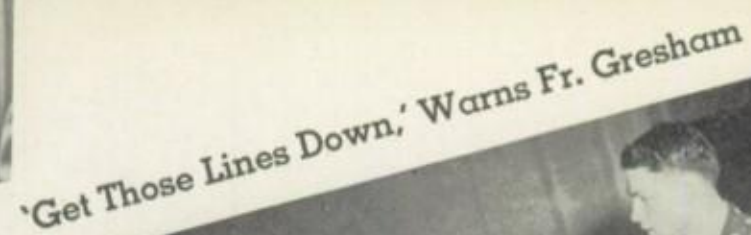
The Class meets once a week, and is an extension of the English class. Members of the journalism class who are on the *Magnet* staff are:

Co-Editors.....	Alford Wood, "Pete" Maynard
Business Managers.....	A. J. Venezia, J. Ronza
Feature Editors.....	J. Murphy, J. Williams
Associates.....	D. Bruce, L. Welch, P. Blancq
Sports Editor.....	J. Green
Associates.....	B. Murdoch, M. Wenzler
Art Editors.....	L. Ertz, J. Gurley
Circulation Managers.....	C. Cargile, G. Hollahan
Associates.....	W. Burke, D. Perkins
Photographer.....	J. Laine
Reporters.....	D. Mulkey, L. Griffin, C. Huffman, L. Gunn, L. Welch
Exchange Editor.....	L. Welch
Typists.....	T. Garibaldi, H. Riddle, P. Dattilo, C. Jensen

The journalist's training begins in his sophomore year, (the freshmen are considered too green to be of any use except as possible delivery boys). However, every once in a while, we find a journalistic prodigy like this year's Glenn Calvert, whose talents have bolstered the journalism classes efforts during his first year at Catholic High School.

A member is sometimes given less than two days to get facts and write a story for the paper, and it usually is in on time.

Our members are always working for the betterment of the paper and subsequently, of the school; so you can be sure that when the new school is built, the journalism classes will be one of its principal assets.



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Catholic Revival**
by JIMMY MURPHY

Senior English class is planning a program in the interest of promoting a better understanding of the period in English literature known as the "Catholic Literary Revival." This epoch of the literature of the United States should prove a most interesting topic for class discussion. Various developments and changes in literature and other arts took place at this time. The Catholic Literary Revival, kindled by what is known as the "Catholic Revival Movement," led by such poets and essayists, as Herman Melville, Edgar Allan Poe, and others, was a significant part of the literary and cultural life of the United States.

Seven members of the staff have been assigned particularly to investigate various aspects of the life of Louis Ertz and his family. Chosen Cardinal Newman's subject for research was the archbishop which should provide for an interesting study of changes in the church during this period. The collection of Tom Ertz's letters undoubtedly find information. Walter Ertz; his wife; copy Editor, is Joe search.

Left to Right: Fr. Gresham, Patsy Wilson, "Sugar

**Thalians Resume
with 'Uncle Dudley'**
by ALFORD WOOD

Wednesday, and Fri-
more

**The Crusader
Is on its Way**
by PETE MAYN

The Crusader takes
shield in hand and beg-
ride into the hearts ar-
whole student bo-
near Bo-

by ALFORD WOOD

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Father Elliott adds once more over the P. A. the familiar, "Members of the dramatic society will meet this afternoon at 3:30." Yes—once more the Italians are "trod-ding the boards" with the annual "—-—- play. This year's show is "e Dudley," a comedy by —-—- and Bertrand Rob—-—- Dixon.

by PETE MAYNARD

The Crusader takes sword and shield in hand and begins its merry ride into the hearts and memories of the whole student body. Yes, work on the 1949 Year Book is under way.

Father Morgan has selected his staff as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Pete Morgan; Associate Editor, Walt Morgan; Manager, Louis Esposito.

staff as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Pete Maynard; Associate Editor, Gene Hollahan; Business Manager, Louis Ertz; Burke; Make-Up Editor, Louis Ertz; Photographer, John Laine; Copy Editor, Jimmy Murphy; Art Editor, Jack Gurley; Bookkeeping, Clayton Charles Nearn. Dick Per

As we all know, the main factor in the make-up department is the money situation. This is where the genius of Father Elliott and Father Morgan comes in. For the last week Mr. Gunn (no kin to Louie), a representative of the Curtis Publishing Company, made his appearance at school with one of the easiest money-making plans around. Mr. Gunn's idea is that of selling subscriptions to 50 of the nation's leading magazines. For which the Crusader collects 30 per cent or 50 per cent on each sale. Besides these profits there are individual prizes for the leading salesmen and the top home room. That looks mighty good indeed.

Last year the cover was composed of a blue background with the lettering and the crusader on horseback in white. This year the color scheme will be reversed—a white background with the lettering and crusader sign in blue.

The dedication page has been to the C. H. A. P. S., who are deserving of it for their fine for the school.

Father Morgan boasts that the crusader will be topped. And

Father Morgan boasts that year's Crusader will be top year books anywhere. And his point "Watch for it next

Senior Wins Award In National Con

A. J. Venezia, popular member of the charter member of the Extension Society, recently from the Extension Age Board that he has able mention for his nation-wide contest.

A. J.'s subject, "Catholic Church," over a thousand high school country by select Besides Honor Society, ber of the Scis Clubs, four ye

Preps For Contest

by A. J. VENEZIA
 The Tennessee Regional Band contest will be held early in March, with Catholic High among the leading contenders for a first division award.
 The purpose of the elimination contest is to separate the good musical aggregations from the mediocre. Those bands which take a first division award will earn the privilege of competing in the State Finals, which will take place this year in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on a date not yet definitely ascertained.

In last year's competition, Catholic High took first division (superior rating) in class CC, three above the bracket a band the size of Catholic High's should play in, but did not enter the State Finals in Knoxville because of academic interferences. Mr. Cornelle, the director, is determined that there be some representation of C. H. S. taking part at Murfreesboro. He states that he is expecting the band to win out, but if it does not there will be numerous solos and ensembles which will possibly earn the right to go to the finals.

C. H. S.



Amcera Pierini, senior of Heart and cheerleader for C. was chosen by judges at Terop.

Seniors Top Honor Society

by A. J. VENEZIA



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The Thaliens

From a humble beginning, the Catholic High Dramatics Club, the Thaliens, has emerged into a fine theatrical group.

In the first year of the school's history, Father Joseph Gresham gathered together nine fledgling actors: James Bowling, Anthony Foley, Everett McIvor, Hewitt Perkins, Nick Pesce, John Sparks, Ben Toma, Alford Wood and Donald Wooten, and presented a short Christmas play, "The Song Immortal." This was the beginning of the Thaliens.

A little later, Father began work on the first major show, "Arsenic and Old Lace." Although none of the cast had had any previous experience in facing a large audience with a Broadway show, Father Gresham's fine direction led them to success.

The second year the Thaliens began broadcasting over Station C. H. S. Their first radio show over the P. A. was "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. That year also witnessed their first road tour. The Thaliens took "Charlie's Aunt" to Millington, as well as to Ellis Auditorium. It was also the first year that girls were introduced into the group. Last year's show was "Big Hearted Herbert," and was held at Goodwyn Institute. It was as much, if not more, of a success as the previous productions.

"Your Uncle Dudley," this year's show, was a perfect follow-up to the others. It went to Millington, was enjoyed by a large audience at Ellis Auditorium and was televised.

The cast consisted of Alford Wood and Clayton Cargile, both four-year members, Charles Nearn and Jack Gurley, Misses Ernestine Coscia, Barbara Fisher, Charlotte Hanson, and Patricia Wilson.

No history of the Thaliens would be complete without listing their many stars. Topping the list for brilliant performances are Anthony Foley, Donald Wooten, James Bowling, Alford Wood, Clayton Cargile, David Turk, Patty Reilly, Julia Wooten, Martha Ann Gatti, Ernestine Coscia, Hayden Kelly, Jack Gurley, Charles Nearn, Patricia Wilson, Shirley Ricossa, Barbara Lee Ogilvie, Charlotte Hanson, Joseph Fisher, Charles Harty, Vincent Aste, Daniel Bruce, Barbara Fisher, Joe Ronza, Jeff Smythe, Jerry McCarty, Arthur Martin, Jane Reilly, Pat Burke, and the many others who made the shows successful.

But, as always, the biggest bunch of Orchids goes primarily to Father Gresham, the driving factor of the organization.

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<i>Herbert Kalness, Jr.</i>	JACK GURLEY
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SO'S YOUR UNCLE DUDLEY

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<i>Mabel Dixon Church</i>	PAT WILSON
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<i>Janet Church</i>	ERNESTINE COSCIA
<i>Dudley Dixon</i>	ALFRED WOOD
<i>Cyril Church</i>	JACK GURLEY
<i>Christine Sederholm</i>	BARBARA FISHER
<i>Charley Post</i>	CHARLES NEARN
<i>Robert Kirby</i>	CLAYTON CARGILE



Scene from last year's successful production "Big Hearted Herbert"; Clayton Cargile, and Miss Barbara Lee Oglesvie, Charles Nearn, Dan Bruce, Alford Wood (in the title role), Jack Gurley, Patricia Burke and Mary Ann Bailey.



Appearing for a curtain call (and there were many) is the entire cast of the play "Big Hearted Herbert". The play was hailed as one of the most successful high school productions of the year and much credit is due Father Joseph Greshem, Director of the Thaliens, and the members of the cast, responsible for the stellar performance.



Caught during a serious moment of rehearsal for the 1949 production by the Thaliens. (Father Greshem is really not as tough as he seems.) Father is seen taking Pat Wilson, Charlotte Hansen and Alford Wood through their lines.



Los Caballeros

"Los Caballeros Alegros", alias "Gli Bruti Facci", is the official tag affixed to the Spanish Club of Catholic High. The organization was formed to present to the Spanish II class a better understanding of the customs, traditions, and modes of living in the various Spanish-speaking countries.

All members of the class are members of the club. The officers are: Thomas Toma, president; James Murphy, vice-president; Leo Pierotti, secretary-treasurer; and Louis Ertz, sergeant-at-arms.

The activities of the club consist in the giving of papers by different members about topics concerning Spain and South America, and discussion of these. The club also fosters the presentation of motion pictures, exhibits, etc. about various aspects of Latin life. This was especially evident during Pan-American Week this year.

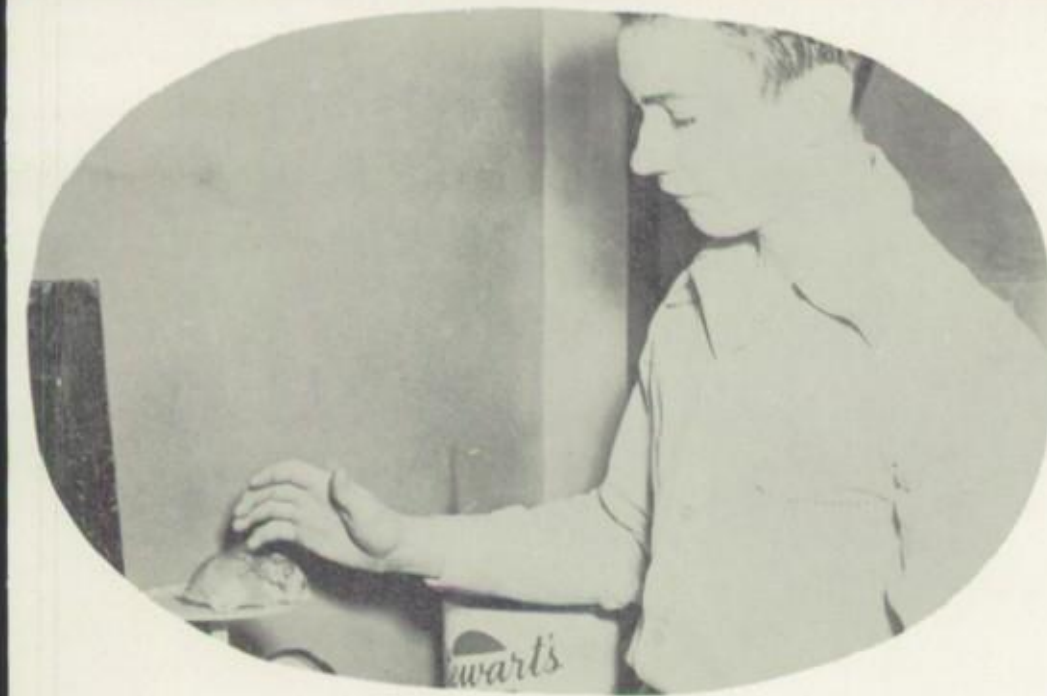
"Los Caballeros" have profited greatly through the club in their study of the Spanish language and have been greatly enriched in their understanding and appreciation of the Spaniard's way of life.

Much of the success of the group is attributed to the sparkling guidance of their faculty moderator, Sister Mary Rita.

Science Club

Father Joseph P. Gresham, Professor of Sciences, has organized the members of the Science classes into a club known as the Science Club. The purpose of this organization is to facilitate the promotion of scientific interests on the part of the students. One of the chief objectives of the Club this year is a science exhibit to be produced here in the school. Officers of the Club are Dan Bruce, Joe Linder and Dick Perkins.

Pictured at the upper left is Father Gresham discussing the human skeleton with members of the club. Middle right photo catches "Chief Hampster" Don Dooley weighing one of the laboratories' hampsters in connection with feeding experiment. Lower photo is of the members of the Science Club.



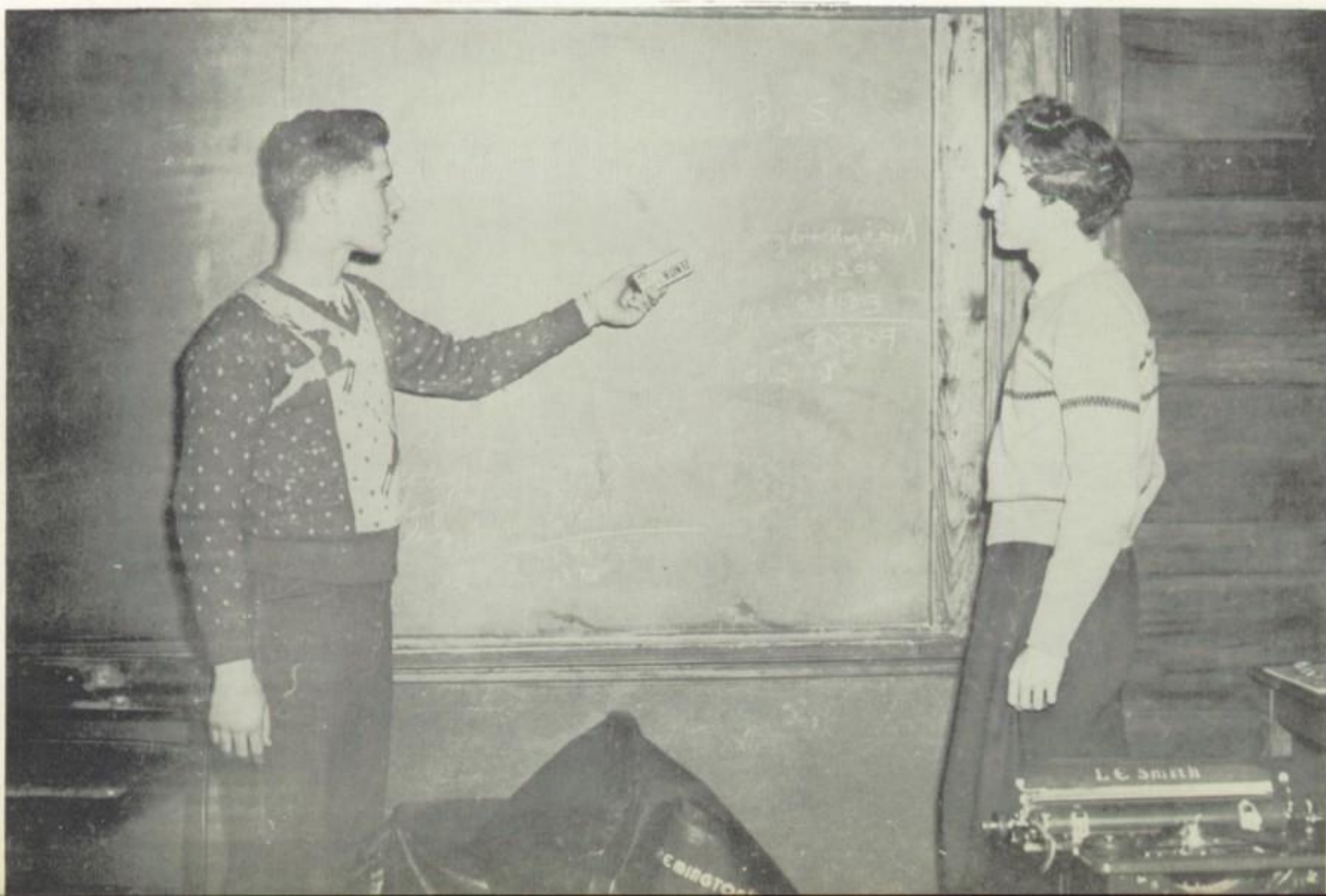
Left to right, front row—Ryan, Hutton, Linder, Bruce, Perkins, Gurley, and Turk. Middle Row—Blancq, D. Laux, Ramsey, Wells, Clark, Acerra, Vebezia, and Griffen. Back Row—Dooley, J. R. Brown, Doyle, Drannon, Mulkey, Pretti, and Reilly.



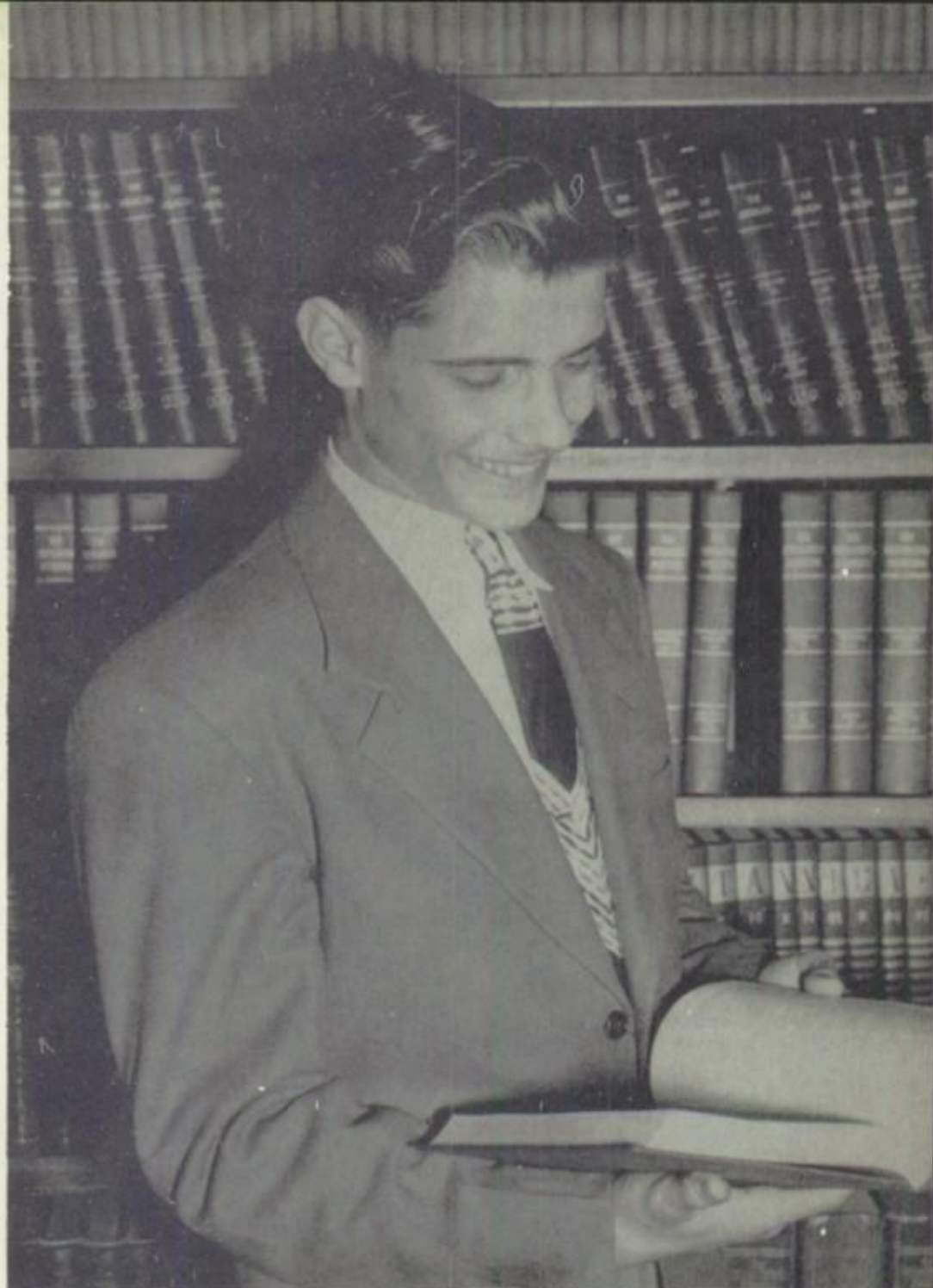


CAMERA CLUB: A new organization began to take form on the campus this year in the form of the Camera Club. This promises to be an outstanding organization in the future. *Pictured above*—Lynn Doyle, Paul Blancq, Coleman Smythe, Bill Williams, Vincent Turk and Gene Belote.

The Catholic High Mathematical Society for 1948-49 consisted of eight members, all of whom were members of the Math. IV class. They are Thomas Toma, President; A. J. Venezia, Vice-President; Louis Ertz, Secretary; Joseph Hamling, Treasurer; Clayton Cargile, William Cooper, Lawrence Welch and Alford Wood. *Pictured are* A. J. Venezia and Joseph Hamling working over a problem.



A. J. Venezia, popular senior and charter member of the National Honor Society, received notice this year from the Extension Magazine's Teen-Age Board that he had won honorable mention for his essay in their nation-wide contest. A. J.'s subject, "Evolution and the Catholic Church," was rated with over a thousand others from Catholic high schools throughout the country by selected judges. Besides being a member of the Honor Society, A. J. also is a member of the Science and Spanish Clubs, four years in the band, and three in Journalism.



Alford Wood, Senior at Catholic, took top honors in the Catholic Patriotism Essay sponsored by the Fourth Degree Council of the Memphis Knights of Columbus. The contest was open to the girls and boys Catholic high schools throughout the city. Another honor was recently conferred on Alford due to his scholastic ability. He was successful in passing the difficult Navy Reserve test but failed on a physical in Cincinnati due to 20-30 vision in one eye. Alford, however, now has his sights trained on Notre Dame and plans to enter the South Bend university in the Fall of '49.



The speaker table at the Catholic High football banquet was loaded with celebrities and they say it was the greatest ever. Present were the Pastors of the local parish churches, Mr. Clem Quinn, President of the CHAPS, and many others who have been pictured on the opposite page.

Football Banquet

A closer view of the speakers table shows Joe Signaigo, Commander McTighe, VFW Post 684, who presented the Sportsmanship Award, Monsignor Louis J. Kemp-hues, pastor of Sacred Heart Church and Dean of West Tennessee, and Father John A. Elliott, principal of Catholic High.





Brother rewards brother. Joe Signaigo, former Catholic High and Notre Dame great, present N.Y. Yankee pro gridder, presents his brother Albert Devoto, Catholic High football captain, with the outstanding player award.

HAVING A BIG CHUCKLE. Sports enthusiasts George Mooney, WHHM sports announcer, Johnny Antonelli, former Catholic High and Major League baseball star, at present with the Memphis Chicks, principal speaker at the banquet, Msgr. Louis J. Kempfues, Dean of West Tennessee, and Will Carruthers, sports reporter of the *Memphis Press-Scimitar*.



Johnnie Antonelli, Memphis Chicks star and alumnus of Catholic, spinning a few for the boys at the Banquet.

Local sports greats seen working up an appetite for the Banquet. *Left to right*—Joe Signaigo, Catholic alumni now with N. Y. Yankees, Cliff Norvell, former Catholic Coach, now Southeastern Conference official; Johnny Antonelli, Memphis Chicks star third baseman; Catholic High Coach Latham Graham and "Red" Cavette, Southeastern Conference football official.



The Terrier Hop



"Bigger and better each year", and this was the third year for the annual presentation of the Catholic High "Terrier Hop." The "Hop" is the annual presentation, in the social field, of the Megaphone Club. The object is to raise funds for carrying on their activities during the year, promote good will, and see that everyone has a swell time. This year, the feature of the Terrier Hop was the introduction of a new Catholic High song, "The Sweetheart of Ol' Catholic High," and the choosing of a girl to fit the title. Yvonne Butler's mother, Mrs. Charles Butler, wrote the song and Yvonne introduced it. The Official "Sweetheart" of Catholic High is none other than Cheerleader Ameera Pierini. Don Kearn and Hal Benson, radio announcers at WDIA and WMPS, respectively, and Miss Mary Lou O'Conner, student at Memphis State, were the judges of the finalists in the contest. The Megaphone Club reminds us this year that "The Hop in '50 will be a nifty."



The Finalists of the "Sweetheart of Ol' Catholic High" contest held in connection with this year's "Terrier Hop" were, *left to right*—Betty Morarity, St. Agnes; Anite Rector, St. Thomas; Ameera Pierini, Sacred Heart (winner); and Shirley Sanone, Holy Names.



Shown above, presenting Shirley Zanone to the audience, are radio announcers Hal Benson, WMPS, and Don Kearn, WDIA. Shirley, by the way, was chosen an All-City Cheerleader from Catholic.



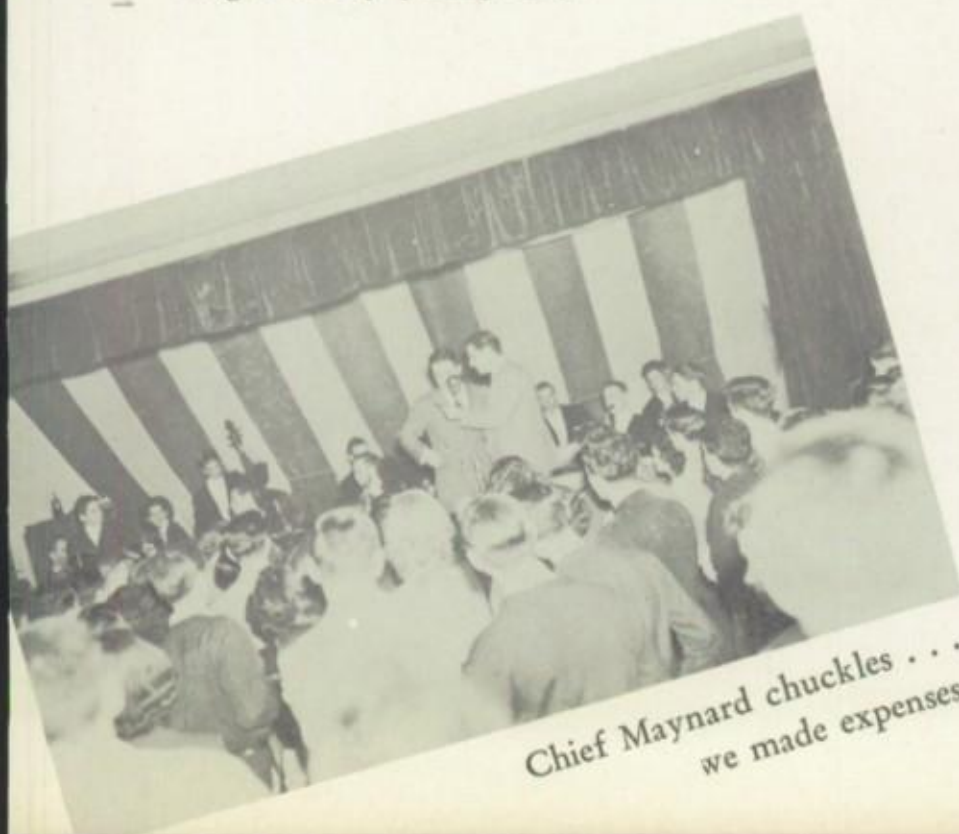
They're hoppin' at the "Hop".



Yvonne introduces in grand style the new song.



"Sweetheart" Ameera receiving the rewards of being a lovely young lady.



Chief Maynard chuckles . . . we made expenses.



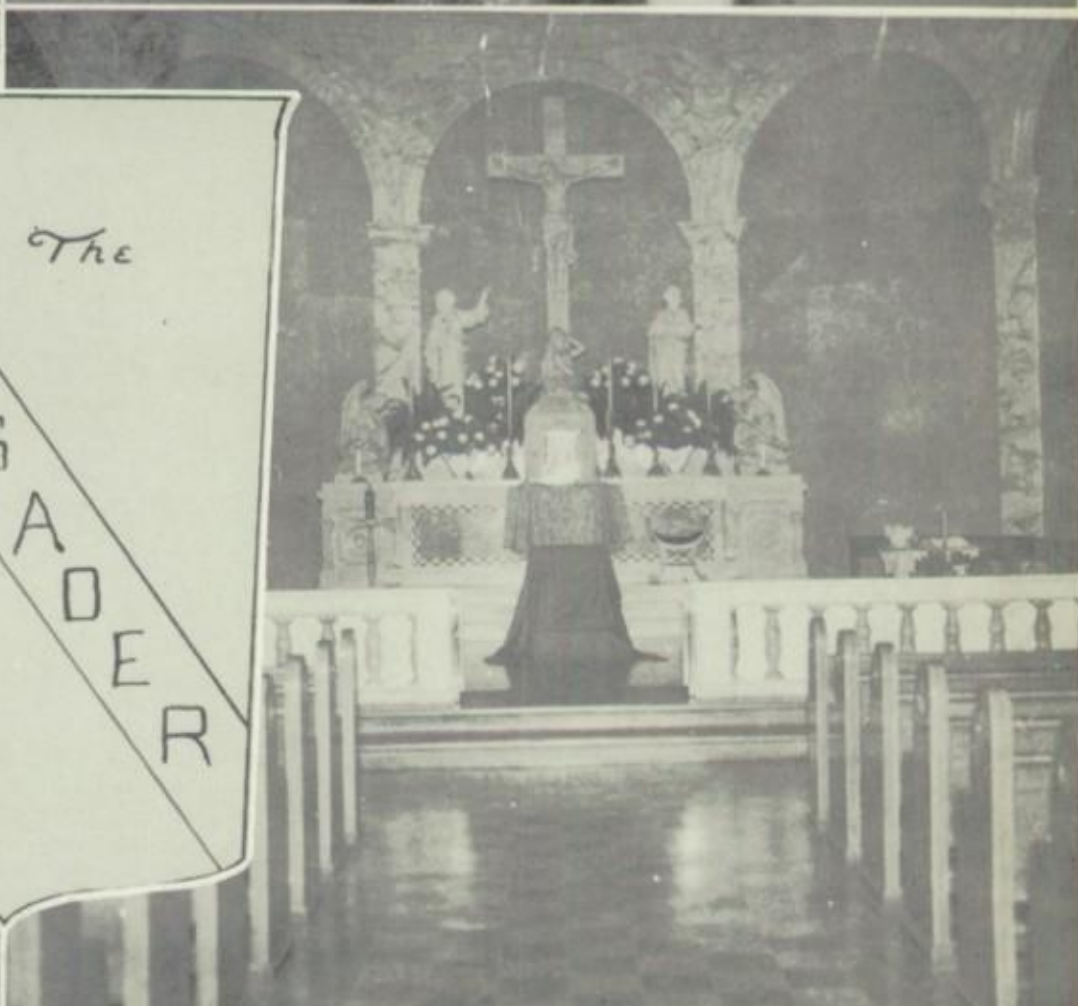
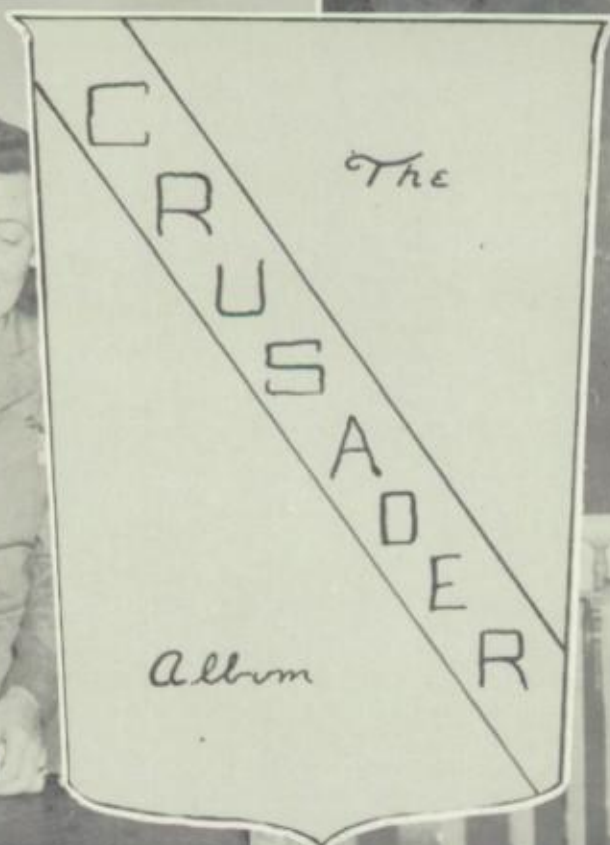
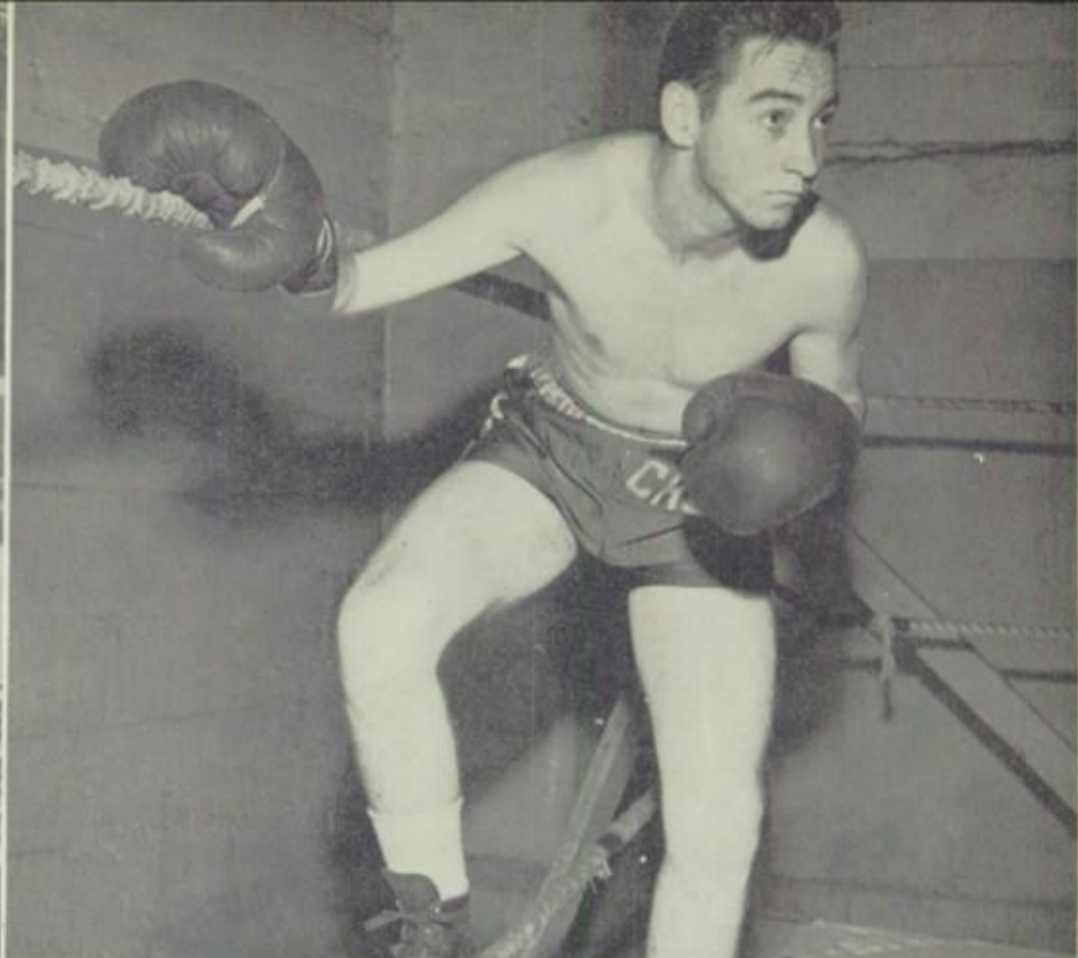
Tryin' hard to decide on a winner.



So Long, Father Clunan!

In February of 1949, Father Paul W. Clunan, former Athletic Director of Catholic High was moved to Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville. This move not only meant the transference of a priest from Memphis to Knoxville, but it meant the loss of one of the most potent boosters of Catholic High and a definite asset to sports circles in Memphis. As a tribute to Father Clunan a testimonial dinner, sponsored by local athletic officials, was held at the Forrest Room of the Gayoso Hotel. Picture in upper left corner shows portion of the gathering; upper right photo is of Albert Devoto presenting gift from Catholic High students to Father Clunan. Lower left photo pictures Marion Hale, Memphis Park Commission, prior to presentation of gift on behalf of those present. Lower right pictures speakers table, left to right—Msgr. Louis F. Kemphues, Dean of West Tennessee; Edward F. Barry, President of the Memphis Baseball Club, and Father Clunan.







Mr. Clem Quinn, President of the Catholic High Association of Parents and Sponsors, helps excavate for the new school.



Class Presidents Frank Bradley, Gene Holahan, Joe Manos and Pete Maynard have a hand in erecting the new school. Bishop Adrian looks on.



Come December and you won't know the place . . . NEW SCHOOL SITE!!!



Sister Gabriel smiles . . . but Sister Rita just keeps on talkin'.



But this is so sudden, Charlie!



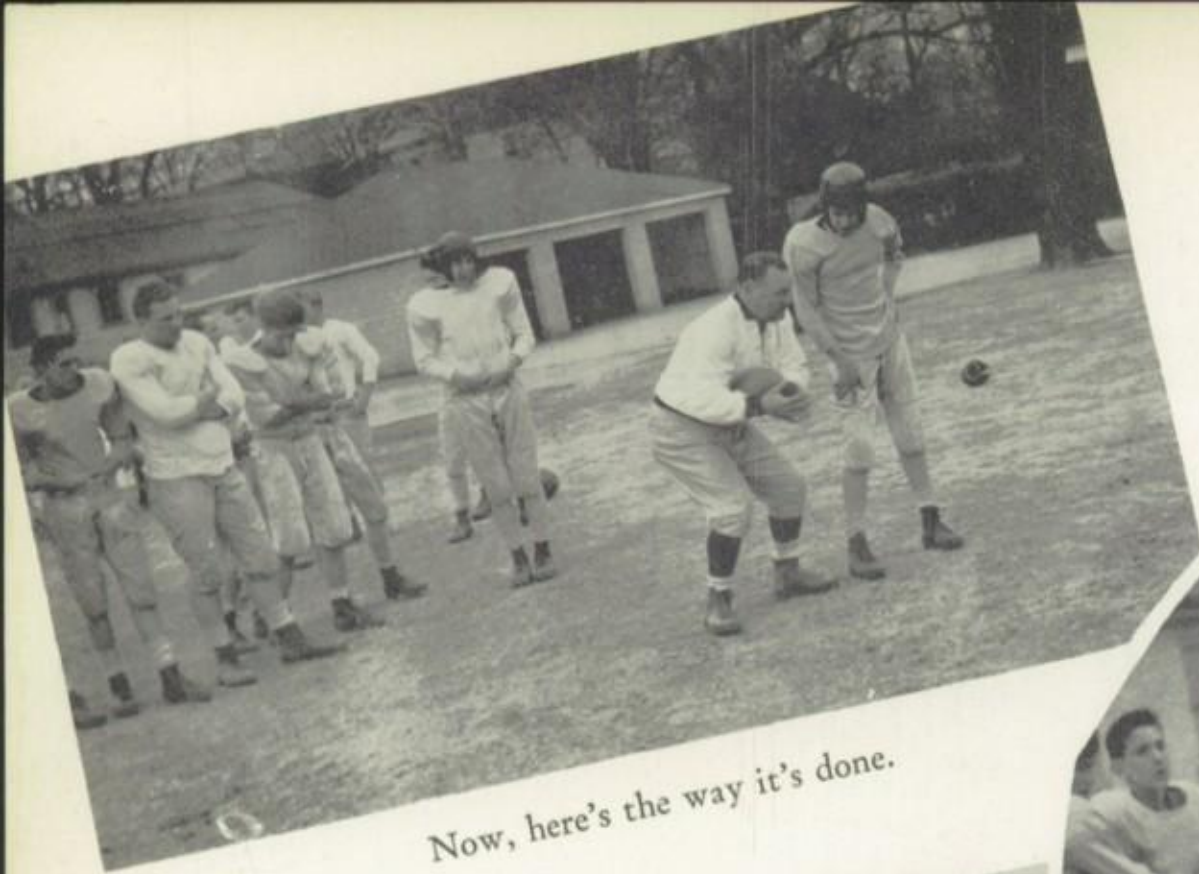
Don't fire till you see the white of their snowballs!



Operation Snowball! Warfare on Catholic Campus.



Go ahead, ask the Bishop for a holiday!



Now, here's the way it's done.

Take a cut, Ted!



"Little Miss Beautiful." Nancy Calvert, featured soloist at Catholic High's Christmas Music Festival.

Welcome, Monsignor! President of the Senior Class, Pete Maynard, welcomes Immaculate's new pastor, Monsignor Kearney, to Catholic High.



The Chaps



Seven little maids all in a row.



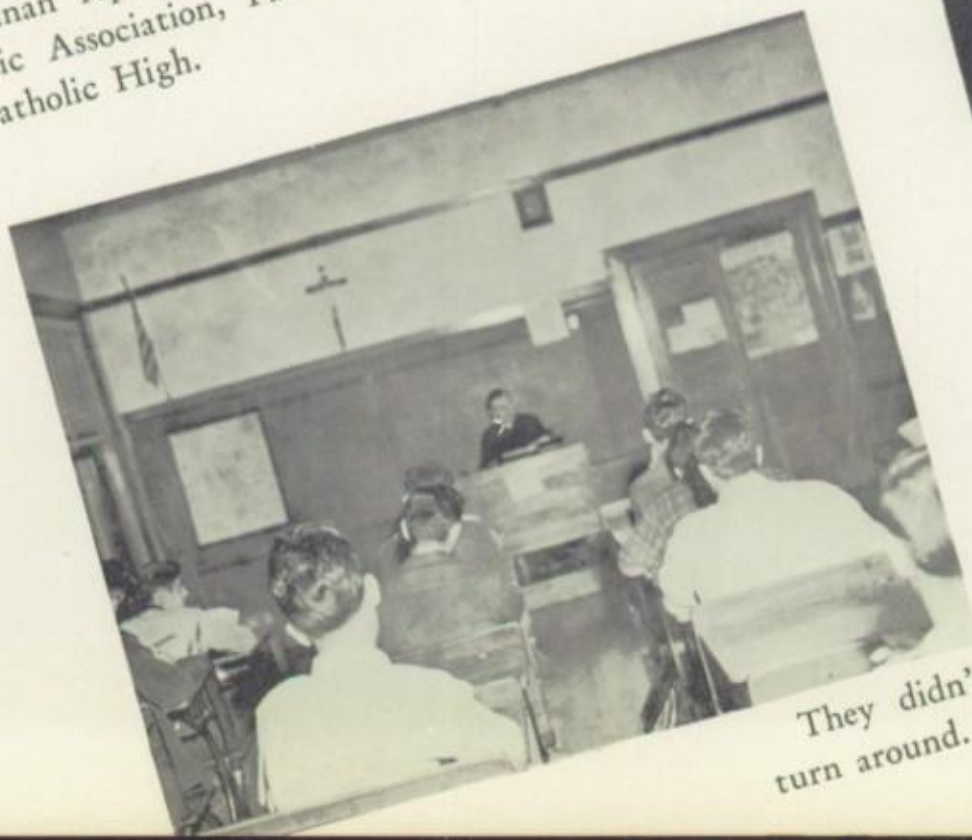
Charter member of the Wall-flower Club is the little lady on the left. (That is, only in the play.)



Catholic was there for Polio Drive! Returns of benefit basketball game being handed over to Chairman of the drive, Will Caruthers, and Park Commission athletic director Marion Hale. Father Clunan represents Parochial Athletic Association, Father Driscoll, Catholic High.



Miss Limberg, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. Limberg smile at party they have in honor of Freshman football team. All followed the team closely throughout the season.



They didn't have a chance to turn around.



John F. Canale, President of the Serra Club, chats with some of the faculty after his talk on vocations.

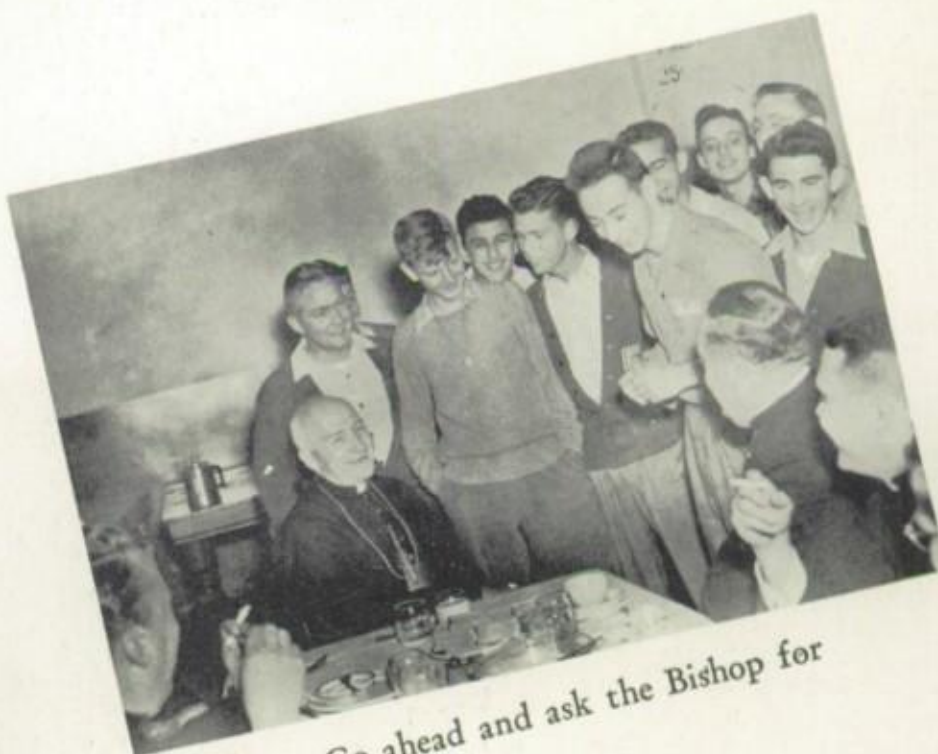


These bruisers are charter members in the recently formed "MACS", Monogram Club.

Sacred Heart and Catholic High Glee Clubs join voices. Wood hits an all-time low!



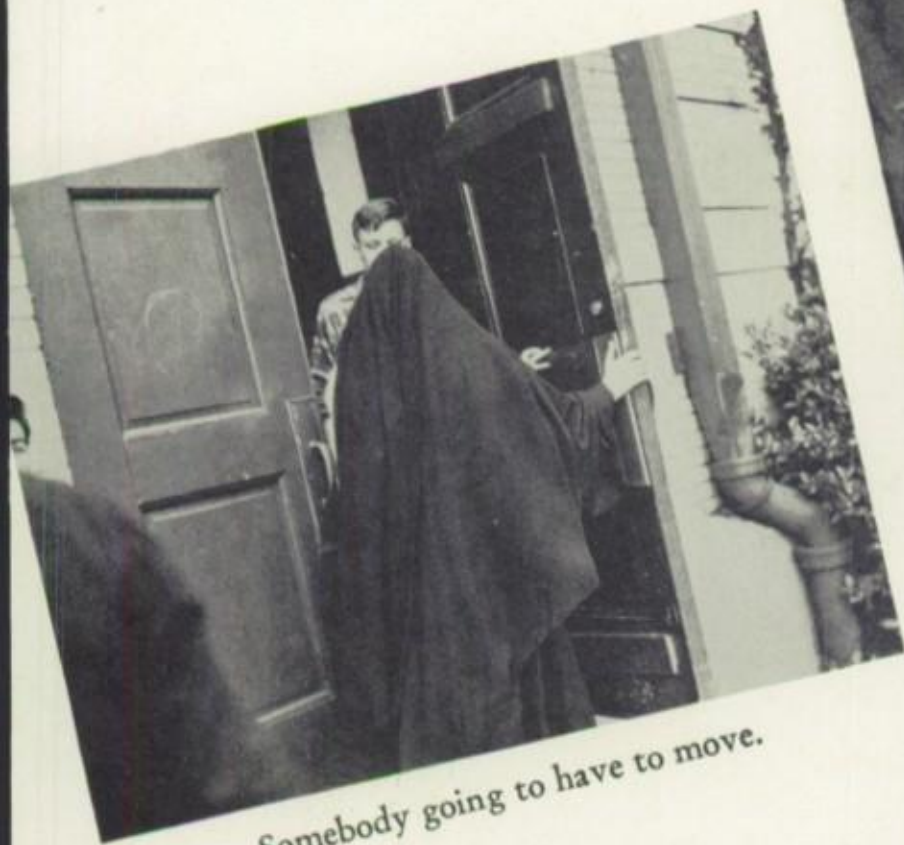
Coach and few of the boys talking things over.



Go ahead and ask the Bishop for a holiday.



Sacred Heart, Catholic High and CYO choral clubs warm up for a little "close harmony."



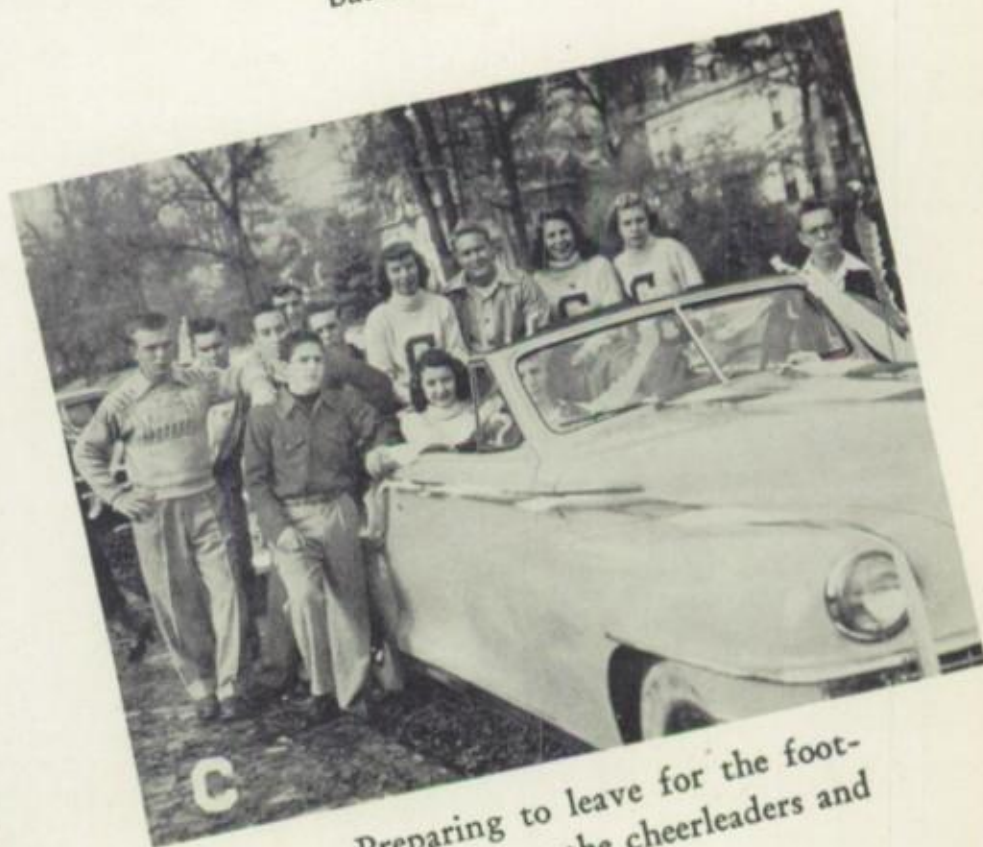
Somebody going to have to move.



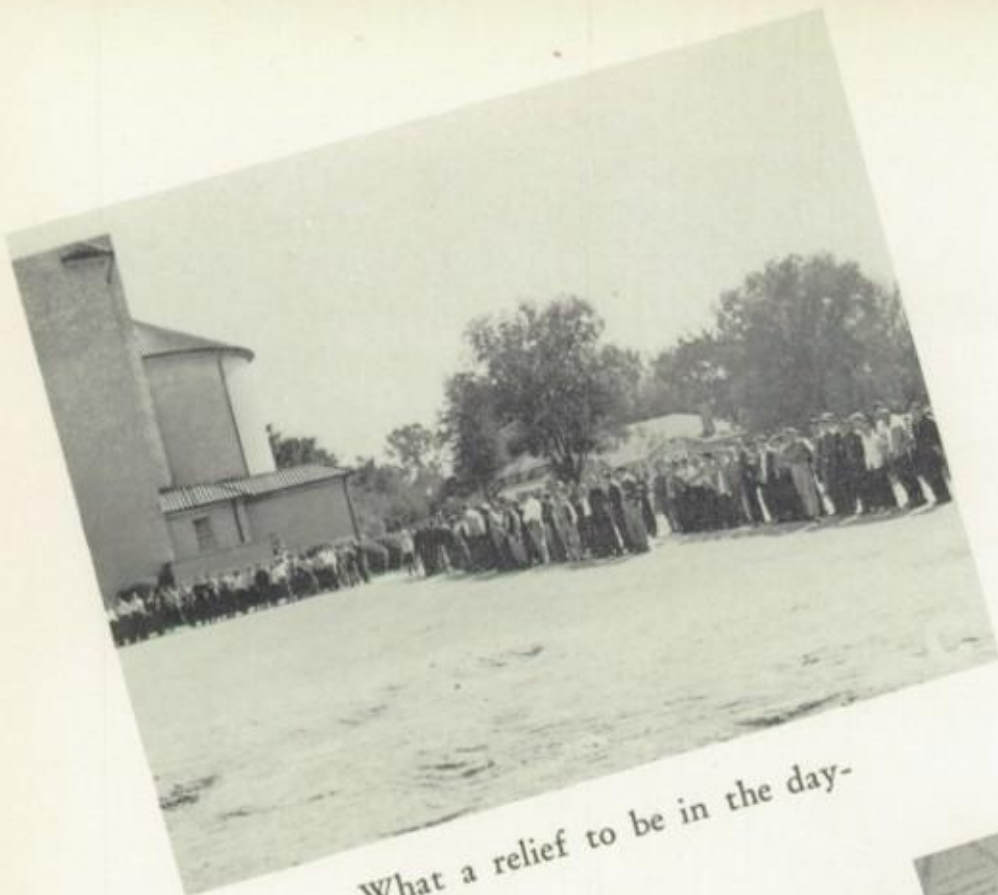
And here's a group shot of the CRUSADER Staff. Murphy is just bashful.



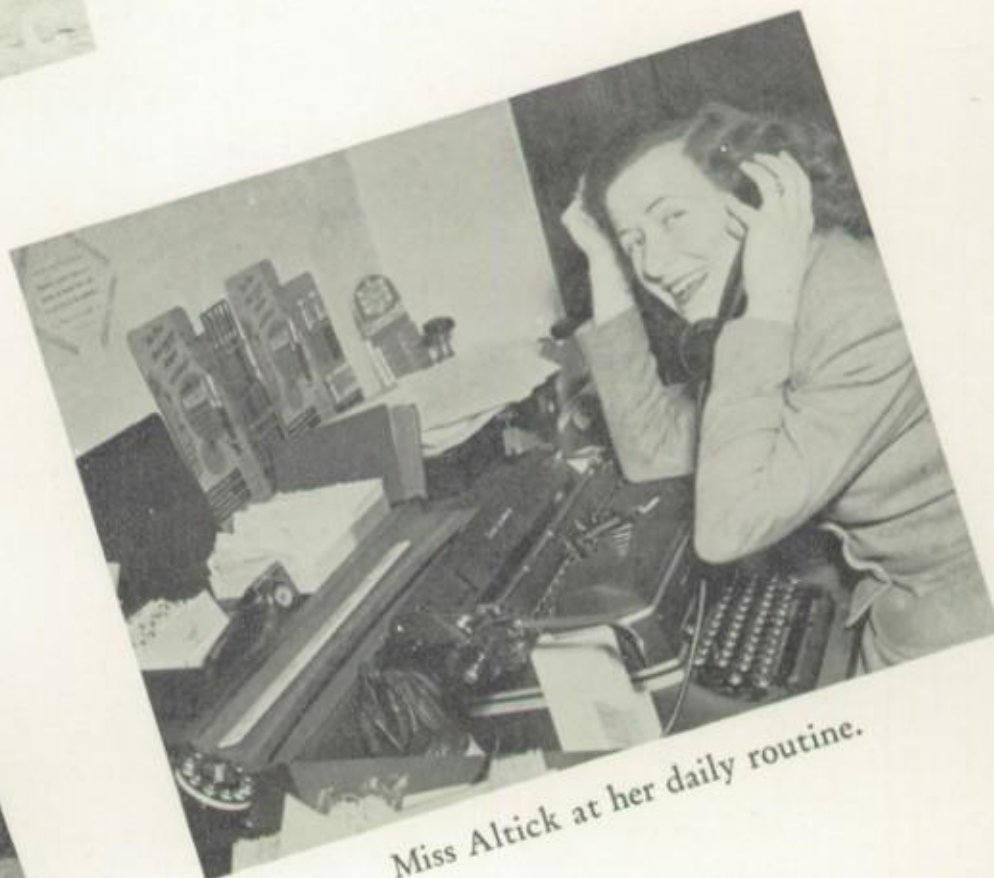
The "King" of the cafeteria.



Preparing to leave for the football parade are the cheerleaders and members of the squad.



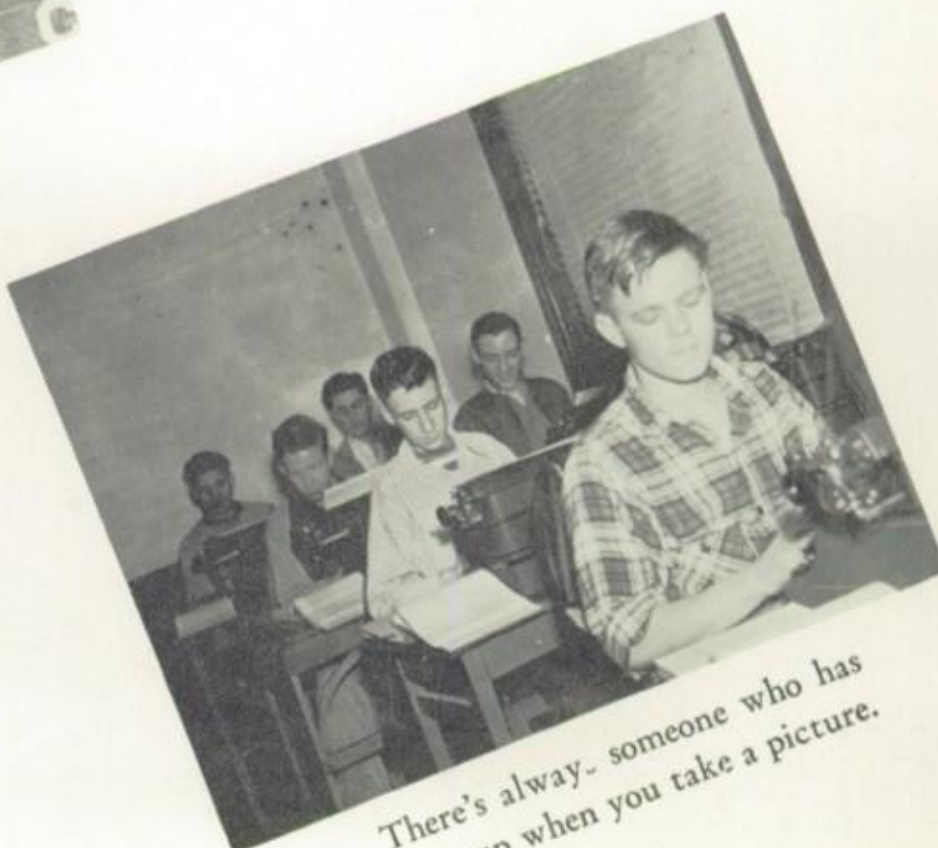
What a relief to be in the day-
light again.



Miss Altick at her daily routine.



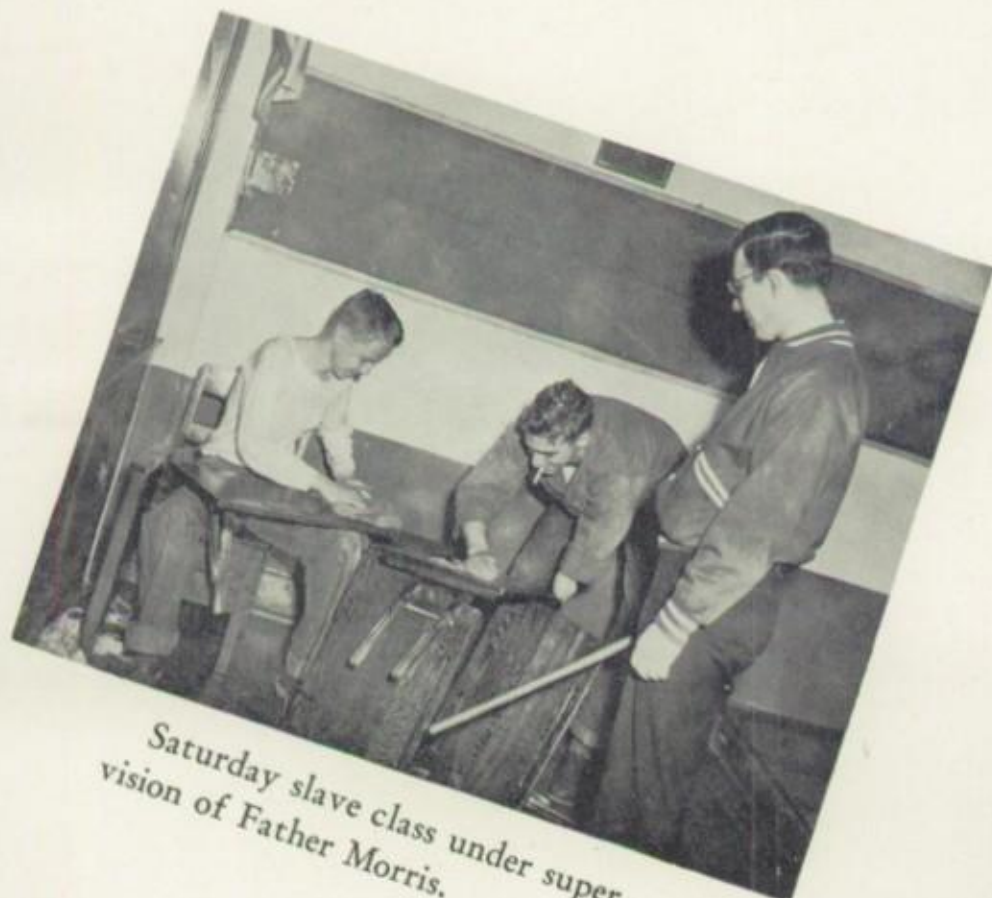
Cheerleaders taking a bit of fresh
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